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A DESCRIPTION

OF THE

Hundred of Berkeley

IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER

AND OF

Its Inhabitants

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PREFACE TO VOLUME III

It is with much gratification we lay before the Subſcribers the Third and laſt Volume of the firſt ſeries of Smyth's Berkeley Manuſcripts which the Council of the Briſtol and Glouceſterſhire Archæological Society, with the obliging permiſſion of Lord Fitz Harding, has cauſed to be printed for the members of the Society. We ſay the firſt ſeries, for theſe three volumes form but a ſmall portion of Smyth's voluminous works, extending to twenty-ſix volumes, moſt of them folio, as deſcribed by himſelf in a ſchedule at the end of this volume. Unfortunately few of theſe are now extant. At Berkeley Caſtle is one of them. It would ſeem to be one of thoſe numbered 7 and 8 in Smyth's ſchedule referred to above, probably No. 7. The title-page ſtates it to be "A Regiſter of all ſuch Tenures by Knight's Service as are belonginge either to the Baronyes of Berkeley and Bruſe in the County of Glouceſter; or, To the Baronyes of Mowbray and Segrave in the County of Leiceſter; or, Which are holden of any Manors in the Countyes of Glouceſter, Somerſet, Leiceſter, Warwicke, Rutland, Northampton and Suſſex, or which lye in any of them; being the inheritance of the right honourable Henry Lord Berkeley, or of Thomas Berkeley knight, ſonne and heire apparent of the ſaid Lord Berkeley. Collected by the labours of John Smyth, a profeſſed follower of theire unattaynted family, and finiſhed in Anno tercio Regis Jacobi Primi Anno que Dñi 1605." It extends, altogether, to about 440 pages, ſome few of which are blank. The other volume, No. 8, appears to be loſt.

In the poſſeſſion of Reginald Cholmondeley, of Condover Hall, County Salop, Eſq., Smyth's heir-at-law, are two other volumes. One of the ſet numbered 14, 15 and 16 in Smyth's ſchedule. The title of this volume

volume is "The Names and Surnames of all the able and ſufficient men in body fitt for his Maties ſervice in the warres in the Dyviſion of the fforeſt, within the County of Glouc^r, wherein are contayned the hundreds of St. Brevils, Weſtbury, Bedſloe, Botloe, and the Duchy of Lancaſter, with their ages, perſonal ſtatures, and armours, viewed by the right honorable Henry Lord Barkley lord Lieutenant of the ſaid County by direction from his Matie in the month of September 1608. Anno que Sexto Regni Regis Jacobi Anglie &c." The volume contains alſo the names of the Lords of the Manors as ſtated in the ſchedule before mentioned. The two miſſing volumes embrace, of courſe, the particulars for the remainder of the County.

The other volume at Condover is a folio of great intereſt and value. It is numbered 19 in Smyth's ſchedule, and contains Abſtracts of all the Offices, or Inquiſitions poſt mortem, and of Ad quod damnum, in the County of Glouceſter from 10th Henry III. to 28th Henry VIII.

The ſpecial volumes mentioned under No. 26 of Smyth's ſchedule are not now to be found. They might poſſibly have been handed over to the purchaſers, with the title deeds, when the eſtates to which they refer were ſold by Henry Lord Berkeley.

I hope the Council will be able to ſee its way to print, as a *ſecond ſeries*, all the volumes now extant, or ſo many of them as may be permitted by the owners, with as little delay as poſſible.

The preparation of theſe volumes was manifeſtly a labour of love with the writer, and few can eſtimate the vaſtneſs of that labour. "Great indeed," he ſays, "had not a continued delight of 40 yeares haled mee alonge," he is thus bearing teſtimony to the abſorbing attraction which hiſtorical reſearches have for a ſtudent who once gives himſelf to the ſubject. Smyth loved his books as his children, and the manner in which he takes leave of them on the concluſion of his labours is quite pathetic. The ſubſcribers cannot fail, however, to have noticed that this volume

volume has been written in haſte. It is not, the author tells us, caſt in the mould which he intended, for he purpoſed it ſhould have contained a review of a book of the lord Berkeley's tenures by knight ſervice in this hundred of Berkeley, finiſhed in the year 1605, but his "withered age" prevented it. This, however, is not the point to which we more particularly allude. The volume is, generally, left in a leſs perfect condition than his previous works. There are many blanks, which, perhaps, in the proceſs of writing his defect of memory did not enable him readily to fill up, and therefore he reſerved for further reſearches, which poſſibly he was never afterwards able to make. He evidently thought that the time was faſt approaching when he muſt reſt from his labours, as he well deſerved to do, for concluding this volume on the 21st December, 1639, in the 73rd year of his age, he died on the 25th February, 1640-1. The loſs of the great bulk of the contents of the Muniment Room in Berkeley Caſtle in the Civil War renders it now impoſſible to complete what Smyth unfortunately left unfiniſhed.

We cannot conclude our connection with the three moſt important volumes which we have had the pleaſure of paſſing through the preſs, without expreſſing our obligations to Mr. J. H. Cooke, F.S.A., now Steward of the Berkeley Eſtates, for his great kindneſs in collating the text with that of the reviſed and improved copies which Smyth preſented to George Lord Berkeley, which has rendered the volumes as printed more perfect than they otherwiſe could have been. We deſire alſo to thank Mr. J. A. C. Vincent for the very careful manner in which he prepared the tranſcripts, which has conſiderably lightened the editorial labour; and laſtly the Printer, for the attention beſtowed upon the typographical portion of the work, which has added greatly to its attractive appearance.

J. M.

The Hundred of Berkeley

A Deſcription of the Hundred of BERKELEY, and of the Inhabitants thereof, in the County of Glouc̃; The Remaines of a greater worke, collected and diſpoſed by the indeavors of — JOHN SMYTH.

My reſidence wherein, for more then forty yeares, emboldeneth mee: ffirſt in generall, And after in perticuler, by way of ALPHABET, to make my obſervations legible.

In generall thus;

THIS hundred of **Berkeley** with the reſidue of the County of Glouceſter was anciently inhabited by the **Brittaines** called **Dobuni**, ſomtimes in ancient authors, by tranſplantinge of the two firſt conſonants, called **Boduni**; And when by the Conqueſt of the Engliſh Saxons, that name was worne out, The Inhabitants of this hundred, (as others round about it,) were called by newe Saxon name, Wiccij: The Relickes of which appellation, aſwell in this hundred as in other parts of this County, yet ſeeme to live in the name of Wicke; whereby divers villages are called, whoſe ſcituation is not diſagreeinge to the Etimology of that name, A **creeke, cove,** or **reach** of a ryver, or necke of land: But after ſuch time as Ceaulin kinge of the Weſt Saxons, had, about the yeare of Grace 566, put the Brittaines at Durham [Dyrham] not ſarre from this hundred, to flight, and diſpoſſeſſed them of **Durham, Glouceſter, Cirenceſter,** and other adioyninge places, It was for many yeares ſubiect to the Weſt Saxons; Vpon whom, though the **Mercian** a ſucceedinge **kingdome** in the time of the Saxon heptarchy prevailed, yet afterwards **Penda,** kinge of the **Mercians,** was diſpoſſeſſed againe by **Cineglise,** then raigninge over the Weſt Saxons; Howbeit, aſwell thoſe Townes as this hundred, with all the territories therabouts, came againe vnder the ſubiection of the **Mercians,** and ſo continued till Egbert, kinge of the Weſt Saxons, reduced the wholl Heptarchy into one Engliſh Monarchy, about the yeare—800, And gave to the wholl the name of **England.**

But

But it muſt bee conceived, that the word (hundred,) till kinge Egbert had divided this kingdome, was not in vſe, but diſtinguiſhed in ſmall regions, by Hides of land, eſpetially in theſe parts, as after will appeare; Each Hide, generally containinge, 160 acres, That is, 4. yard land, at 40. acres to each yard land, which to this day, is the vſuall content of a yard land in the ritcher ſoile of this hundred;
2 But in the wolds, or hilly part therof, a yard | land is ſomwhat more.

In the kingdome of the Weſt Saxons, or of Mercia, when at the largeſt, were reckoned one hundred thouſand hides, whereof in this hundred of Berkeley, as the booke of Domeſdei ſheweth, were 123 hides, beſides certaine Carucates, and yard lands, as after perticulerly followeth: And in truth this name (hundred) or this diviſion by Hundreds was not fully eſtabliſhed till the raigne of kinge Aelfrid als Alured, after hee became ſole Monarche, about the yeare of our Lord—890.

And in that firſt age after the Saxons convertion to Chriſtianity, or the age that followed, (ages of much piety,) It feemes that a Nunry was founded by one of thoſe princes, in that part of this hundred, where the Caſtle of Berkeley (the center-place of the hundred) now ſtandeth, but by whom, I could never finde; nor, doe I thinke that, that which for ſix hundred yeares hath byn loſt, will bee found heeraſter; and the ſame largely endowed, if not with all yet with the greateſt part of the poſſeſſions of this Hundred; And ſo continued till about the beginninge of the raigne of kinge Edward the Confeſſor, Anno 1043, when by the wily and wicked plot of Earle Goodwin, recorded by Walter Mape in his manuſcript hiſtory of that time, it was by that king diſſolved, And all the poſſeſſions therof given to that Earle; who left the ſame to Harold his ſonne, who after the death of that kinge vſurped the Crowne of this land; whom William Duke of Normandy, called the Conqueror, ſlewe in battle, in Anno 1066, wherby this his paternall poſſeſſion eſcheated,[1] And, with what elſe hee had, veſted in the Crowne: And ſo continued about 85 yeares, lett in feefarme to that noble family of the Berkeleis, called of Dureſly, till toward the end of the raigne of kinge Stephen, as after more perticulerly followeth.

Which wily and wicked plot of the ſaid Earle Goodwin to gaine thereby this tract of ground, Mape thus delivereth.

Berkeley

[1] This does not agree with the Domeſday record in which Berchelai appears under *Terra Regis*, that is land in the hand of King Edward the Confeſſor. [Ed.]

Berkeley neere vnto Severne is a towne of 500li revenue; in it there was a nunnery, and the Abbeſſe over theis Nunnes was a noble woman and beautifull: Earle Goodwyn, by a cunninge and ſubtile witt deſiringe not her ſelfe but hers, as hee paſſed that way, leaſt with her a nephew of his, a very proper and beautifull yonge gentleman, (pretending that hee was ſickely,) vntill hee returned backe. Him hee had given this leſſon, that hee ſhould keepe his bed, and in no wiſe ſeeme to bee recovered, vntill hee had got both her, and as many of the Nunnes as hee could, with child, as they came to viſit him: And to the end the younge man might obtaine their favour and his full purpoſe, when they viſited him, the Earle gave vnto him pretty ringes | and fine girdles, to beſtowe for favours vpon them, and therby 3
to deceive them: Hee therſore beinge gladly and willingly entred into this courſe of libidinous pleaſure, (for that the way downe to hell is eaſy,) was taught his leſſons, and wiſely playeth the foole in that which ſeemed wiſe in his owne conceipt: with him were reſtant all thoſe thinges which the fooliſh virgins could wiſh for, beauty, dainty delicates, ritches, faire ſpeach; and careſull hee was nowe to ſingle them alone; The Devill therſore thruſt out Pallas, brought in Venus, and made the church of our Saviour and his ſaints an accurſed temple of all idolls, and the ſhrine a very ſtewes: And ſo of pure lambes hee made them ſoule ſhee wolves, and of pure virgins filthy harlots; now when as many of their bellies bare out bigge and round, this youth beinge by this time over-wearied with conqueſt of pleaſure, getteth him gone, And forthwith bringeth home vnto his lord and maiſter a victorious enſigne, worthy to have the reward of iniquity, and to ſpeake plainly, relateth what was done: Noe ſooner heard hee this, but hee hieth him to the kinge, informeth him how the lady Abbeſſe of Berkeley and her Nunnes were great with childe, and comonly proſtitute to every one that would, ſendeth meſſengers on purpoſe for enquiry theroſ, proveth all that hee had ſaid; hee beggeth Berkeley of the kinge his lord, after the Nunnes were thruſt out, and obtaineth it at his hands, And hee left it to his wife Gweda; but becauſe ſhee her ſelfe would eat nothinge that came out of this Manor, for that the Nunrye was deſtroied, hee purchaſed for her, Woodcheſter, that therof ſhee might live, ſo longe as ſhee made her abode at Berkeley.[1]

Thus Mape.

Howbeit, ſuch ſeemes to have byn the ſtruglinge, at leaſt of the chaſter Nunnes, if not of the wantons alſo, that ſome of them held a kinde of footinge there till the end of kinge Stephen's raigne, Anno. 1154; for in the great roll of the pipe, in an accompt

[1] See Ante, "Lives of the Berkeleys," Vol. II., p. 26.

accompt made for the laſt yeare of that kinge, in the firſt of his ſucceſſor, kinge Henry the ſecond, William Berkeley of Dureſly had an allowance of three pounds, by him laid out for the garments of three Nunnes heere: which as it is the firſt accompt that at this day remaines in any of the kings Courts vnconſumed by time, ſoe it is the laſt wherin any memoriall is of theſe Nunnes.

Parkes. Noe Hundred in this county of Glouc̃, nor ſcarce in this kingdome, hath in ſoe ſmall a tract of ground beene better ſtored with deere, both redd and fallowe, Till huſbandry of late daies turned many of thoſe parkes and chaſes into better profitt; ffor in this hundred were the parkes called the Worthy, or Caſtle parke of Berkeley,
4 Whitcliffe parke, Newparke, Oakley parke, Shepnaſh parke, Hawe-Parke | by Wotton, Beverſton parke, Hill parke, Owſelworth parke, Almondeſbury parke, Cromhall parke, Ewley parke, with ſome others, as after appeareth in this deſcription; And the Chaſes of Michaelwood and Redwood.

Scite. Geographers meaſure the poſition or ſcite of Berkeley towne, (the hart of this hundred,) by the longitude of twenty degrees and 25. ſcruples, and by the latitude of fifty two degrees and 5 ſcruples, or very neere therto.

And this hundred ſeemes ſoe evenly devided, by one part therof ſtandinge high in the wolds, and the other in the vale at the foote of thoſe hills, That it is not eaſily diſcerned whether of the two is the greater part: By reaſon of which ſcituation, many hundreds, even thouſands, of ſprings breake forth at the ſydes, knees, and feete of thoſe hills, begettinge divers delicate ſmall Rivers, neither knowinge want of water in ſomer, nor ſo increaſinge their chanell in winter, that the trade of clothinge which heere aboundeth, is neither in drought not wett wether hindred: A principall cauſe of the multitude of Tuckmills, and fullinge mills, which heere abound.

Soile. The Soile is for moſt part bountefull; ritch in paſture and meadow, fruitfull in procreation of divers and different kindes of trees, (whereof I have numbred many hundreds,) every where delighting the beholders with their beautifull verdancy. And that which hath of old beene written ſeemes true, that the eaſy and free increaſe of fruit doth nouriſh ſloth in the comon people. The lowe and fat grounds doe yeild ſuch abundance of paſture for kyne and oxen, as ſufficeth the greedines of thoſe beaſts, and covetouſnes of their owners: And in the hilly part where the ground is dryer and the graſſe ſhorter, it feedeth innumerable numbers of ſheepe, excuſinge the barrennes of the ſoile with a large profit drawne from them.

For

For the State and eminency of the yeomanry, this hundred is allowed the preheminence before any of the other thirty hundreds of the County: challenginge this further prerogative by ancient vſage, to bee firſt ranked in all Subſidy rolls, Muſter Rolls, and the like: And to bee firſt called and diſpatched in the generall aſſemblies of the county: which my ſelfe hath knowne the high Baily and high Coneſtables of this hundred to have publikely challenged, and conteſted for, as an honorable right and preheminence, derived to them from ages paſt; which hath accordingly bene allowed to them. Precedence.

In the Collection of the ffifteenthes and tenthes, this hundred in the kings Courts is charged at—135li. 16s. 11d., wherout for decaied villages is deducted—26li. 18s. 10d. ob. q3: And then remaines payable into the kings Exchequer—108li. 17s. 11d. q3. beſides 20s paid by 5 ſubtaxors. Whence note, that this payment which comonly at this day wee call the ffifteene, was anciently and truly named the Tenth and ffifteene: The Tenth for ſo much therof, as was | paid out of Cities 5
and Burrowes, in the name of the Tenth of their goods and moveables: And fifteene, for the reſidue therof, which was originally and properly due out of the vplandiſh and country townes or villages, as a fifteenth part of their goods or moveables; Of the wholl ſome of which ffifteenth and Tenth, there was Six thouſand pounds abated in the time of kinge Henry the ſixt, by parliament, in reſpect of the poverty of ſundry decaied cities and townes in every part of the Realme. Fifteenes.

Within this hundred, the lord therof hath by divers grants and Confirmacons from kinge Henry the ſecond and his ſucceſſors kings of this Realme, The Liberty of ſervinge all writts and proceſſe with returne therof, by their owne baylies: A viewe of franke pledge and what ſoever therto belongeth: All felons goods of what kind ſoever, whether felons of them ſelves, or otherwiſe: All wayved goods, Eſtreyes, Treſure trove, Deodands, yeare, day, and waſt, Eſtrepements,[1] The goods of fugitives and of convict, attainted, outlawed, and waived perſons, before what Judge ſoever or in what court ſoever ſuch goods ſhall come to bee forfeited: And all iſſues and amerciaments loſt or forfeited by any perſons within the ſaid hundred: And all whale fiſhes, Sturgeons, and all other great and royall fiſhes, in whatſoever free fiſhings of other men within the ſaid hundred in the Ryver of Severne: And free warren in all his demeſne lands, and in all other places where his Anceſtors have vſed Liberties.

[1] Spoil made in lands and woods by a tenant for life to the damage of him in reverſion. See Ante, "Lives of the Berkeleys," Vol. II., p. 435 *n.* [Ed.]

vſed to have free warren, within the ſaid hundred, with whatſoever to free warren appertaineth: And alſo a Court of pleas for triall of all actions, bee they of debt, treſpas, trover, Detinue, affault, battery, of the caſe, or other, where the dett or damage is accompted vnder forty ſhillings, holden each Munday three weekes at Berkeley: And alſo the grantinge of Replevins, for all diſtreſſes taken or impounded within the ſaid hundred, with the awardinge of proces of Returno habendo, Second deliverance, Capias in withernam,[1] and whatſoever to ſuch accons of Replegiare appertaineth: And the makinge of proceſſe of Subpena ad teſtificandum, betweene party and party in each of the ſaid actions; with divers other liberties ſpecified in my three volumes of the hiſtory of this Berkeleian family: And to conclude; In Berkeley Caſtle is a Deed in 5. E. 2. wherby Phillip Coby granted to Thomas then lord Berkeley, two acres of land in Alkington (a manor in the pariſh of Berkeley,) quas recuperaſſet per breve dni Regis de recto, in hundredo de Berkeley.

Nomina villarum.

The booke in the Exchequer called Nomina villarum compiled in the nynth yeare of kinge Edward the ſecond, Anno. 1315, declareth that in this County of Glouc, are thirty hundreds, (naminge them,) one wherof is this hundred of Berkeley, wherof Thomas lord Berkeley the elder, is owner: And that in this hundred are two Burrowe townes, viz.t, Berkeley, wherof Thomas lord Berkeley is lord; And Durſley, whereof John the ſonne of William de Berkeley, is lord; And the village of Newenton, whereof the ſaid John Berkeley is lord; The Villages of Hame, Came,
6 and Wotton, whereof the ſaid | Thomas de Berkeley the elder, is lord: The Villages of Kingſweſton and Beverſton, wherof Thomas ap Adam is lord: The village of Hull wherof John fitz Nicholl is lord: The villages of Almondeſbury and Aſhelworth, wherof the Abbot of S.t Auguſtine's by Briſtoll is lord. Thus the booke.

Fifteene peny booke

The booke called the Fifteene peny booke compiled in the third yeare of kinge Henry the ffifth, Anno. 1415, declareth that in this hundred of Berkeley are theis villages. viz.t; Hame—9li. 15s. 6d. Wotton forinceca—13li. 13s. 4d., Wotton narincita—4li. ob., Hull and Nyndesfeild—8li. 7s. 2d. q. Cromhale—3li. 10s. 5d. ob. q. Came—11li. 9s. 11d. Covely. 5li. 14s. 6d. Newinton Bagpath, Owſelworth—4li. 2s. Vley and Wodemancote—3li. 14s. 7d. Durſley—6li. 15s. 5d. Beverſton—5li. 2s. 9d. Kingeſcote and Oulepenne.—4li. 2d. ob. Kingeſweſton and Ailberton. 10li. 13s. 4d. ob. q. Horfeild and ffilton—3li. 10s. 6d. q. Almondeſbury. 3li. 2s. Erlingham—9li. Aſhelworth—4li. Slimbrugg.—11li. 8s. 5d. ob. q. Berkeley—3li. 11s. 8d. q. Sum.—132li. 1d. Thus the booke.

A Quo

[1] Explained Ante, "Lives of the Berkeleys," Vol. II., p. 344 n. [Ed.]

A Quo warranto in the Receipt of the Exchequer Court brought by kinge Edward the firſt, in the fifteenth yeare of his raigne againſt Thomas lord Berkeley, layeth downe the names of Villages and Townſhips within this hundred, and the liberties of the lord therof in the ſame, more perticulerly then the former bookes; As that the ſaid lord Berkeley had free warren in the Townes of Berkeley, Hame, Clapton, Bevington, Pedington, Stone, Swanhunger, Waneſwell, Egeton, Alkington, Newport, Woodford, Swanley, Wike, Hineton, Rockhampton, Came, Hurſt, Kingeſton, Gofington, Stintefcombe, Stancombe, Cleyhunger, Mattefdon, Cowley, Hulmancote, Slimbridge, Wotton, Simondfale, Combe, Wortley, Bradley, Nybley, and Bircheley: Denyinge that the townſhips of Beverſton, Ailberton, Kingſweſton, Hill, Nymesfeild, Horfeild, ffilton, Almondeſbury, Cromhall, Aſhelworth, Durfeley, Vley, Kingſcote, Oulpen, Newenton, Owfelworth, Huntingford and Erlingham, though all of them within the hundred of Berkeley, yet in none of them hee claimeth to have free warren at all.

Plita de Quo warranto. 15. E. 1. Rot. 12. in recept Sccij.

Which excellent record, (a little inlarged with theſe other here marginald,) doth give vs further to knowe, That that ancient family of the Berkeleis of Durfeley ſhortly after William the Conquerors daies, (if not in his time,) rented the whole manor of Berkeley, wherto this hundred is appendant, of the Crowne, at the yearly farme rent of—500li. etc. vntill kinge Henry the ſecond in the firſt of his raigne, granted the ſame, with all the herneſſe, that is with all the nookes and corners therof, to Robert the ſonne of Hardinge, Or rather, vntill the attonement made at Briſtoll by that kinge, (then but Duke of Normandy,) and kinge Stephen; betweene the ſaid Robert, and Roger Berkeley then lord of Durfeley, not fully two yeares before: whereby the ſaid Roger releaſed to the ſaid Robert and his heires, All his claime and intereſt in the ſaid Manor and hundred of Berkeley, as more largely I have written in my hiſtory | of this Berkeleian family, in the life of the ſaid Robert, called Robert the firſt: And as followeth fol: 325. 7

From this Robert the ſonne of Harding, the firſt lord Berkeley who died in 17. H. 2. this manor and hundred diſcended and came to the lord Maurice his ſonne and heire, who dyed in 1. R. 1. And from him to the lord Robert his ſonne and heire; And from him, (dyinge without iſſue in 4. H. 3.,) to the lord Thomas his brother and heire, who dyed in 28. H. 3. And from him to the lord Maurice his ſonne and heire, who dyed in 8. E. 1. and from him to the lord Thomas his ſonne and heire, (which is hee that is mentioned in the foreſaid Quo warranto, And in the ſaid booke, called Nomina villarum,) who dyed in 14. E. 2. And from him to the

Berkeley Pedigree

the lord Maurice his ſonne and heire, who dyed in 20. E. 2. and from him to the lord Thomas his ſonne and heire, who augmented his liberties in this hundred of Berkeley by a grant from kinge Edward the third in the fourth of his raigne, and after, in the xxiijth of that kinge, entailed the ſame vpon the heires males of his body, and dyed in 35. E. 3. And from him to the lord Maurice his ſonne and heire, who dyed in 42. E. 3. and from him to the lord Thomas his ſonne and heire, who dyed without iſſue male in 5. H. 5. And from him to the lord James his nephewe and heire male, ſonne of Sir James, brother of him the ſaid lord Thomas, who dyed in 6. H. 4. and from the ſaid lord James who dyed in 3. E. 4. to the lord William his ſonne and heire, who was firſt created Viſcont Berkeley, afterwards Earle of Nottingham, and afterwards Marqueſſe Berkeley, with the offices of Earle Marſhall and great Marſhall of England, who in the fourth yeare of kinge Henry the ſeaventh conveyed (inter alia) this Manor and hundred of Berkeley for defalt of iſſue of his owne body, to that kinge and the heires males of his body, and for default of ſuch heires males, to remaine to the right heires of him the ſaid Marques Berkeley: wherby, from the xiiijth day of ffebruary in the vijth yeare of that kings raigne Anno. 1491. when the ſaid Marques dyed, till the death of kinge Edward the ſixth, (the ſpace of 61. yeares, 4. monthes and 20. daies,) the ſame remained in the Crowne, And then reverted to Henry lord Berkeley, as right heire of the ſaid Marques Berkeley: vizt, ſonne and heire of Thomas lord Berkeley, who dyed in 26. H. 8. ſonne and heire of Thomas lord Berkeley, who dyed in 24. H. 8. brother and heire of Maurice lord Berkeley, who dyed without iſſue in 15. H. 8. ſonnes of Maurice lord Berkeley who dyed in 22. H. 7. brother and heire of the ſaid William Marques Berkeley; And from the ſaid lord Henry Berkeley who dyed in 11. Jacobi, to George nowe lord Berkeley, ſonne of Sir Thomas Berkeley, who dyed in 9. Jac: ſonne and heire apparant, whileſt hee lived, of the ſaid lord Henry; which lord George in the xiiijth yeare of the raigne of kinge James, much repayred the defects, and inlarged his liberties in this manor and hundred of Berkeley by a new grant
8 obtained from that kinge, more to bee priſed then all the former. Theis for | the ſpace of one thouſand one hundred and fifty yeares, or neere thereabout have beene the ſlittings and removes of this Manor and hundred of Berkeley, and ſuch the owners as aforeſaid. See this pedegree alſo, fol: 77. 78.

Domeſday booke. The booke called Domeſday, remaininge in the receipt of the Exchequer at Weſtminſter compiled in the xiiijth yeare of the raigne of William the Conqueror, hath of this Manor and hundred of Berkeley theis words, thus engliſhed: Hæ Bere$\overline{w}$, &c. Theis villages appertaine to Berkeley; In Hill are 4. hides; In Almintune

Almintune 4. hides; In Hinetune 4. hides; In Came 6. hides, and 11. other hides; In Gofintune 4. hides; In Derſilege 3. hides; In Covelege 4. hides; In Euuelege 2. hides; In Nimdesfelle 3. hides; In Vittune, 15. hides; In Simondeſhall half an hide; In Chingefcote 4. hides; In Beureſtane 10. hides; In Ofleuuorde halfe an hide; An Almondeſberie 2. hides; In Horefelle 8. hides; In Weſtune 7. hides and one yard land; In Eldbertone 5. hides; In Cromale 2. hides; In Erlingehame 9. hides; In Efceleuuorde 3. hides. Denotinge vnto vs, That the Demefne lands of the Conqueror were fuch in each of thofe townſhips; And concludes Hæc ſupradicta membra omnia pertinent ad Berchelai; All theis Villages are members belonginge to Berkeley.

At a generall Muſter of all the able men for the warre taken by Henry Lord Berkeley for the County of Glouc̃ by ſpeciall direction from kinge James in the ſixt yeare of his raigne, hee then lord Leiutenant of the Shiere; there appeared before him—2064 able men fitt for martiall ſervice, then dwellinge in this hundred, whoſe names with their ſeverall ages and ſtatures, were (with all the reſidue of the County) written in three bookes in folio, the labor of my ſelfe and of William Archer my Clarke, which now remaine in Berkeley Caſtle; beſides many that made default in this hundred and appeared not.[1] Able men.

Of Trained ſoldiers this yeare 1639, vnder their three Captaines, Edward Stephens, Thomas Veel and William Thorpe, Eſq^rs, are men well diſciplined; And 18. light horſe, parcell of 50. vnder the comaund of Sir Gabriell Loe knight, wherof one with the furniture is charged vpon my ſelfe. Trained ſoldiers.

In the laſt Subſedy aſſeſſed before Sir Robert Pointz and my ſelfe, Comiſſioners, in the ffifth yeare of king Charles, were—404. ſubſedy men in this hundred, who then paid the kinge—164^li. Subſedy men.

Towards the Purveyance, or proviſion for the kings houſhold, this County of Glouc̃ paies by compoſition—440^li. in money; Therof the Diviſion of Berkeley (accompted a fourth part of the Shire) paieth—110^li. And this hundred (accompted a third part of that Diviſion) paies—33^li. 3^s. And this hundred for the releife of the priſoners in the kingeſbench and Marſhalſey, paies yearly | 9^li. 6^s. 4^d. And for releife 9
of the poore | priſoners in the Gaole of Glouc̃, by the yeare—7^li. 16^s. 8^d. And to the Muſtermaſter for his wages for this hundred yearly—4^li. 9^s. And to the Treaſorer towards Purveiance and other payments

[1] This Book is now at Condover Hall, Co. Salop. [Ed.]

towards the pentions of maymed ſouldyers, caſuall fires, and the like, yearly out of this Hundred—17li. 6s. 8d.

Spirituall promotions.

The Rectories, Parſonages, Vicarages, and other ſpirituall promotions togeather with the Impropriations within this hundred, doe appeare perticulerly in my ſeverall deſcription of each townſhip, with the Deanery called of Durſeley.

Sports.

The large and levell playnes of Slimbridge warth and others in the vale of this hundred: And the downes or hilly playnes of Stinteſcombe, Weſtridge, Tickruydinge, and others in the hilly or Cotteſwold part, doe witnes the inbred delight, that both gentry, yeomanry, raſcallity, boyes and children, doe take in a game called Stoball, The play whereat each child of 12. yeares old, can (I ſuppoſe) aſwell deſcribe, as my ſelfe: And not a ſonne of mine, but at 7. was furniſhed with his double ſtoball ſtaves, and a gamſter therafter.

Marches of Wales

The wholl County lyeth vnder the goverment of the Comiſſion for the Marches of Wales, as beinge within the ſame: Howbeit, theſe Records, which in my ſearches in the kings Courts, I have curſarily obſerved, will evince, that neither this hundred of Berkeley, nor any part of this County, are within the Marches of Wales: viz.; The parliament roll.—16. R. 2. number. 34. The pliam. roll. 13. H. 4. number 3. And the pliament roll. 20. H. 6. And the pliament roll—27. H. 6. membrana. 10. with ſome others.

The 3. ſtepps.

In the body of this hundred are obſerved three ſteps or degrees, obvious to every obſerver: The firſt from the chanell of Severne halfe way towards the hills, which hath wealth without health. The ſecond, from thence neere towards the tops of thoſe hills, which hath wealth and health: And the third ſteppe or degree, from thence forward, called the weald or Cotſall part, affordeth health in that ſharpe aire, but leſſe wealth, And ſeemes to take name of the barren wooddy parts: Into the beſt wherof, the mercifull goodnes of almighty God hath caſt my lott, beyond my hopes or deſires. |

10 Court of pleas, or, three weekes Court.

At the Yeald hall or Both hall in Berkeley Towne is holden each Munday three weekes throughout the yeare, a Court of Pleas, for tryall of accons betweene party and party, ſuch as formerly are mentioned: vnles (which ſeldome happeneth) the ſame bee adiourned for ſix weekes or more, at the diſcretion of the Steward and freeſutors, vpon reaſonable cauſe by them approved of: wherat theis cuſtomes and

and proceedings have of mine owne knowledge byn vſed 46 . yeares, (my ſelfe ſo longe havinge byn Steward there:) And, as I confidently beleive, time out of minde, before . viz:

1. The Court holdeth not plea, were the dett, damage, or ſom̄e in demaund, is, or is alleadged to bee, of the value of—40s or above.

2. The proceſſe in the ſaid Court, is made forth by the Steward, by ſom̄ons, Attachment, and Diſtringas, accordinge to the courſe of the com̄on lawe.

3. The high bayly of the hundred, and not the Steward, granteth **Replevins**, for the delivery of any goods or Chattells repleviable, impounded in any place within the hundred: But proceſſe of **Retorno habendo**, and of Second deliverance, and of **Capias in Withernam** are made by the Steward of the Court.

4. No perſon is admitted to bee an Atturney either for plt. or defend: vnles ſuch p̄ſon ſhew forth a warrant in writinge vnder the ſeale of the ſaid plt. or def: to ſuch effect: But the plt. or def: beinge p̄ſent in court, may appoint his Atturney by word only, ſo it bee entred accordingly by the Steward.

5. If an executor or adminiſtrator bee plt. in any action, and the ſame paſſe for the def:, yet hee hath noe coſts of ſuite vnles it evidently appeare to the Court That the ſute was comenced for vexation only. The like is vſed if the executors executor, or the adminiſtrators adminiſtrator bee plt.

6. If any inhabitant within the hundred bee ſuppoſed to bee fugitive, that is, likely to be removed out of the hundred before the next Court, againſt whom another hath cauſe of action: Vpon ſuch Action entred in the Stewards booke, either ſedente Curia or out of the ſame, the Steward vſeth to grant an Attachment, called an Attachm: fugitive, authoriſinge therby the Baily of the hundred to attach ſuch goods of the party as hee can finde within the hundred, and the ſame to put in ſafety to anſwere the dett or damage, if the acc̄on vpon triall paſſe againſt him that is ſuppoſed fugitive.

7. The like attachm: is vſed to bee granted, if any perſon dwellinge without the hundred havinge goods within the hundred, againſt whome another hath cauſe of acc̄on, and entred as aboveſaid. And the like alſo is vſed if both parties dwell

dwell out of the hundred, the def: having goods within the hundred, to attach ſuch goods, therby to drawe the def: to anſwere; which goods ſoe in theis and the former caſes attached, are liable to ſatisfy the plt. if hee recover againſt the def: ; Howbeit, the plt. putteth in pledges dwellinge within the hundred of ſufficiency to ſatisfy the def: his coſts and damages if the ſute paſſe againſt the plt. vpon triall. |

11 8. If vpon entry of any action (except in Replevins) the def: after ſomons appeareth not, hee is for ſuch his defalt, at the firſt court amerced iij^{d}.—ffor his ſecond default at the next court vj^{d}.—ffor his default at the third court ix^{d}.—ffor his default at the fourth court xij^{d}.—And ſo for every default at every court day after xij^{d}.—vntill ſuch def: doe appeare; But the plt. at the ſecond court may, if hee will, ſue forth an Attachment, And at the third court a Diſtringas; And if the def:^{ts} goods bee thervpon attached or diſtreyned, and hee vpon returne of the proceſſe, appeare not, ſuch goods are forfeited to the lord of the liberty.

9. The cuſtome of the Court is, to allowe the ordinary coſts of ſute expended in court, either by p^{lt} or def: without diminucõn, vnles the p^{lt} ſue as executor or adminiſtrator, and then, as is aforeſaid: But for coſts and charges ſuſteyned either by p^{lt} or def: in diet, loſſe of worke, neglect of buſines at home, or in wages or diet given to Witneſſes produced by either party, therin the court vſeth liberty and diſcretion, accordinge to the circumſtances of the perſons, quality of the ſute, and diſtance of place.

10. If any def: bee awarded to wage his lawe, with one or more hands, and either offereth ſoe to doe, or elſe doth himſelfe accordingly performe his lawe, but one or more of his hands refuſe: In ſuch caſe, the Court vſeth to give Judgem: againſt ſuch def: for that hee performed not the wholl rule and order of the Court.

11. Where the plt. declareth in Treſpas, or the like, and the def: pleades not guilty, the plt. is alwaies enioyned to prove his treſpas, and damages at the next court by Witneſſes produced before the freeſutors (which are called benchers,) who vpon hearinge of the evidence aſſeſſe damages accordinge to their diſcretions: ffor there is not nor ever hath byn in any age, as moſt ancient Court rolls doe witneſſe, any trialls by Jury in the ſaid Court, vpon any plaint or action

or action whatſoever; The freeſutors, (more then 400,) and ſeldome or never leſſe then 20 at each Court, (comonly many more,) ſupplyinge the tryall by Jury, ſittinge vpon their oathes of fealty, firſt once taken when their firſt ſervice is done, with more vnderſtandinge then comon Jurors can doe.

12. Vpon each accon entred (other then in Replevyns) is paid iij^{d},—termed pro licentia concordandi; And in Replevins, xij^{d},—to the lord of the liberty, which is thus paid: If the action bee agreed out of Court, then it is paid by the def^{t}: if tryed in Court, then if it paſſe againſt the def^{t}, hee alſo paies it, If it paſſe againſt the plt., then hee payeth it pro falſo clamore: Or, if the p^{lt} withdrawe his accon after entry hee payeth it, and ſo if hee become nonſuite: But in Replevins, if the ſute bee agreed out of Court, then the xij^{d} is paid by the plt., becauſe the Court intends That the def^{t} would not have impounded without iuſt cauſe.

13. Noe def^{t} may bee eſſoined of his lawe, preſent or not preſent in Court, at the day when hee is to doe the ſame.

14. If vpon returne of a Replevin, the plt. therin appeare not nor declare, The def^{t} ſhall vpon his apparance and praier, have returne of the cattell or goods formerly replevied, by a **Retorno habendo** from the Steward directed to the Baily; And the def^{t} to goe without further day, and the p^{lt} to bee amerced xij^{d} for his defalt of not appearinge. But if the plt. appeare and declare, and the def^{t} make defalt, the def^{t} ſhall at every Court bee | amerced xij^{d}—vntill 12
his apparance, and avowry to bee made; and in that ſort the action to remaine: But the plt. may notwithſtandinge (if hee will) ſue forth afterwards from the Steward a Replevyn of ſecond deliverance, And the cauſe to proceed therevpon by Declaracon and avowry as aforeſaid.

15. If vpon callinge of any action in Court, neither p^{lt} nor def^{t} themſelves or their Atturnies, doe appeare, the Court vſeth for that day only to continue the accon till the next court in the ſame eſtate it ſtandeth, without preiudice to either party: But if at the Court next followinge neither party by themſelves or their Atturnies doe appeare, but make like default as before, Then the accon is wholly diſcontinued; The Court intending that the double negligence of both parties implieth that the action is agreed; And therefore the Court is neither willinge to give Judgement for either party when none praieth it; nor

nor by holdinge the caufe in Court to amerce the faid parties to the benefit of the lord, when they are perfwaded the fame is compounded; and that the negligence of fome one put in truft to have fignified the agreement of the parties, is the caufe that notice was not given accordingly.

16. The Steward hath vfed time out of minde to award proces in the nature of a Subpena ad teftificandum, either for plt. or deft. witneffes dwellinge within the hundred to teftify in the matter of queftion; who, if they appeare not, havinge had their competent charges tendred vpon an accon brought againft fuch witnes, recovery in damages fhall bee had, to the value of what the plt. or deft. was damnified for want of fuch teftimony. |

Stewards fees

13 The ffees of the Steward and other minifters belonginge to the faid hundred Court, or three weekes Court of pleas, time out of minde have beene, as followeth, And none other, vizt:

For the entry of any action (other then Replevyns) and againft fugitive perfons - - - - - - - - - - - - -	ij d.
ffor entry of a plaint in a Replevin, or againft a perfon fuppofed to bee fugitive - - - - - - - - - - - - -	iiij d.
ffor entry of every effoigne - - - - - - - - - -	j d.
ffor an Attachment (other then againft the goods of perfons fuppofed fugitive	iiij d.
ffor an Attachment againft a perfon fugitive - - - - - - -	xij d.
ffor every Diftringas for apparance - - - - - - - - -	iiij d.
ffor the drawinge and entry of every declaracon - - - - - -	iiij d.
ffor the entry of every Imparlance other then in Replevins - - -	j d.
ffor the entry of an Imparlance in a Replevin - - - - - - -	iiij d.
ffor the drawinge and entry of the anfwere or plea to every declaracon -	ij d.
ffor the drawinge and entry of every Replicacon and Reioynder other then in Replevins - - - - - - - - - - - - -	ij d.
ffor the drawinge and entry of every plea in barre of the avowry, and for every replicacon to the faid barre in a Replevin - - - - - -	iiij d.
ffor entringe of every Judgment - - - - - - - - - -	iiij d.
ffor every proceffe of Execucon - - - - - - - - - -	iiij d.
ffor entry of the continuance of any action - - - - - - - -	j d.
ffor the entry of every warrant of atturney other then in replevins - -	j d.
ffor the entry of every warrant of Atturney in Replevins - - - - -	iiij d.

ffor

ffor the allowinge and certifyinge of any plaint to bee removed by Recordare, or Accedas ad Curiam - - - - - - - - - - - ij^{s} vj^{d}
ffor miniſtringe oath in a wager of lawe, for the defendant and his hands - j^{d}
ffor miniſtringe oath to every deponent for evidence in triall of any Acc̃on - ij^{d}
ffor the awardinge and makinge of a Retorno habendo - - - - - ij^{s}
ffor the awardinge and makinge of a Second deliverance - - - - - ij^{s} vj^{d}
Vpon returne of every Replevin into the Court, after the goods or chattells have by force therof beene delivered - - - - - - - - - iiij^{d}
ffor every proceſſe of Subpena for Witneſſes to teſtify betweene party and party, for every name - - - - - - - - - - - - ij^{d}
ffor allowinge and certifyinge of every Writt wherein falſe iudgement is ſuppoſed to bee given - - - - - - - - - - - ij^{s} vj^{d}
ffor allowance and executinge of every writt de execuc̃one iudicij iſſueinge out of any the Courts at Weſtminſter - - - - - - - - xij^{d}
ffor allowance of any warrant out of the county court, vpon a writt of Juſticies,[1] to attach any inhabitant within this hundred by his goods and chattells for his apparance therat - - - - - - - - - xij^{d}

For fom̄oninge of every defend^{t} to appeare at the firſt court after the acc̃on entred againſt him - - - - - - - - - - - - - ij^{d} — Bailies fees
ffor the ſervinge or executinge of an Attachment - - - - - - iiij^{d}
ffor the ſervinge or executinge of a diſtringas - - - - - - - iiij^{d}
ffor the delivery of an Execuc̃on after Judgement - - - - - - iiij^{d} |
ffor the levyinge of any dett or damage, or coſts of ſuite, recovered after Judgement, for every twelve pence ſoe recovered, one penny, called penny ſhilling - - - - - - - - - - - - - - j^{d} — 14
ffor the executinge of an Attachment vpon the goods of any perſon ſuppoſed to bee fugitive - - - - - - - - - - - - - - xij^{d}
ffor executinge the warrant of the high Sheriffe vpon a Juſtices, to cauſe the def^{t} dwellinge in this hundred to appeare at his county court - xij^{d}
ffor the makinge of a Replevin, and the obligac̃on for returne therof - - ij^{s} vj^{d}

The Coneſtable, Tithingman or other officer of the townſhip for deliveringe of goods or Chattells by replevyn, there impounded - - - - - iiij^{d} — Coneſtable or Tithingmans fees

The fee

[1] This is a Writ directed to a Sheriff, in ſpecial caſes, to enable him to hold a plea of debt in his County Court for a large ſum, ordinarily it being limited to 40^{s} It is called *Juſticies* becauſe it is a Commiſſion to the Sheriff to do a man Juſtice and Right, and begins with the word Juſticies. [Ed.]

Atturnies fees The fee of every Atturney retained for p^lt. or def^t., for the wholl caufe, prove it fhort or depend it longe - - - - - - - - - vj^d.

All which fees were collected into a table, in the xlj^th. yeare of the raigne of Queene Elizabeth, and hanged vp in the Court houfe by confent of the Steward, freefutors, and bayly, ffor the direction of every client, and futor; A Court that doubtleffe doth determine at leaft 30. caufes each Court day in the yeare, if not more: As alfo were the faid Cuftomes in the proceedings in fuch actions, then fet downe, and generally agreed vpon, as formerly is expreffed.

The names of all which ffreefutors, and for what lands, fuch fervice by fuite of Court, is by them feverally done, fhall hereafter perticulerly appeare, As I write of each townfhip in this hundred by it felfe, wherein fuch lands doe lye.

And when, vpon difcent, or purchafe, any freeholder doth his firft fute to this Court, the Stewards entry, is thus. Ad hanc Curiam venit J. S. et fecit primam fectam, et folvit vinum. Which wine hee beftowes (claimed by ancient vfage) vpon his fellow benchers, And paieth alfo iiij^d.—to the cryer of the Court for the cufhion hee that day fitts vpon, brought him by the Cryer.

Alfo I fhall expreffe the true tenure of each manor and freeholders land within this hundred, whether holden of the kinge or of a com̄on perfon, by knight fervice, or in foccage; And what manors or lands have efcheated to kinge or fubiect; And how the ftate and tenure of them ftandeth at this day, with other like perticulers. |

15 Cuftomes in Copyhold lands

The Cuftomary or Copihold lands yet remaininge to this ancient family of their Manor of Berkeley, (befides Indenture holds, Demefnes, parkes, and eftates at will,) in the derivative petty or Submanors of Hame, Alkington, Hinton, Hurft, Slimbridge, Sages, Came, Cowley, Canonbury, Wotton fforren, Wotton and Berkeley burrowe townes, members and parcells of the faid Manor of Berkeley, Are by the yeare, 394^li. 9^s. 4^d.—wherin are theis cuftomes followinge approved of betweene them and their Landlord; And which alfo for 46. yeares I have knowne in frequent vfe amongft themfelves. And to have beene at feverall Courts holden for the faid Manor of Berkeley prefented to bee the ancient cuftomes therin; efpecially in July in 40 Eliz. Regina, by 92. of the moft able cuftomary tenants therof, And fince by 104. in [?]

1. Imprimis,

1. **Imprimis,** That eſtates may bee granted of any Copihold meſſuages or lands for three lives or vnder, And that the wife of every ſuch copihold tenant dyinge ſeized and in poſſeſſion, ſhall, after the deceaſe of her huſband hold the ſame ſo longe as ſhe ſhall live chaſt and vnmarried; And that for ſuch lands as are herietable, the beſt quicke beaſt that the tenant hath at his death ſhall bee paid the lord for an heriot: And if ſuch tenant have noe quicke beaſt then the beſt good which hee hath ſhall bee paid for the heryott.

2. **Item,** That the lord of the manor for the time beinge, beinge ſeized of any eſtate of Inheritance or freehold therof, may grant eſtates in Revertion at his pleaſure to any perſon or perſons, not exceedinge three lives, to begin after the expiracon of the former copy in beinge: And that the ſame are good by the cuſtome againſt thoſe that ſhall have any eſtate afterwards in the manor.

3. **Item,** That if there bee any default of reparacons in any Meſs or houſes, or if any ſpoile or waſt bee done vpon the ſame, That it ought to bee prefented by the homage at the next Court, And ſuch tenant to bee amced for the ſame from time to time till it bee repaired and amended: And that if any default of raparcon bee, and the ſame not prefented by the homage, wherby the ſame falleth into decay and becometh ruinous, That then the cuſtomary tenants of that manor ſhall repaire the ſame at their owne coſts and charges: And that if any cuſtomary tenant fell or cut downe any wood or timber, and by himſelfe or his executors carry it away or ſell the ſame from of the land, hee ſhall therefore bee amced treble damages.

4. **Item,** That all the Copiholders may take vpon the ſeverall Tenements at all ſeaſonable times, houſboote, hedgeboote, ploughboote, and fireboote, without waſt makinge; And if any waſt bee comitted, they ſhall be amerced for the ſame by the homage.

5. **Item,** That any cuſtomary or copihold tenant for 2. or 3. lives, beinge the firſt taker, may ſurrender into the hands of the lord or of the Steward for the time beinge, Or otherwiſe ſell his eſtate; And then the ſecond life and third life ſhall bee vtterly void vpon any ſuch ſurrender; or vpon | ſuch ſale beinge found a forfeiture; 16
Neither in ſuch caſe availeth it whether the ſecond or third life paid all or any part of the Lords fine, or not.

6. **Item,** That any Copiholder holdinge in his owne right may by his tre of Attorney, vnder his hand and ſeale, and delivered as his Deed, ſurrender and deliver

deliver vp into the hands of the lord by the hands of the Steward for the time beinge, All or any part of ſuch lands or Tenem^ts^ as hee ſoe holdeth, And the ſame ſurrender to bee as good to all intents and purpoſes as though ſuch ſurrender had byn made by the cuſtomary tenant in perſon in open court there perſonally preſent.

7. **Item,** the cuſtome is, That if any man take of the lord by copy of Court roll any lands or tenements for terme of three lives or vnder in manñ followinge, That is, To him ſelfe, A. his wife, and B. his childe, or to any other perſon, (hee beinge then maryed to his wife,) In this caſe the wife ſhall have but her widowes eſtate, and not her life, after her huſbands deceaſe, though ſhee bee named in the Copy by her Chriſtian name: But if ſhee bee named in ſuch copy before her huſband, That then ſhee ſhall have the ſame for her life, though ſhee doe marry afterwards.

8. **Item,** If any cuſtomary tenant dye after the ffeaſt of St Michaell and Archangell, It ſhall bee lawfull for his executor or adminiſtrator to hold all ſuch meſſuages and lands which hee held, vntill the feaſt of the Anunciacõn of our lady then next followinge, and then the next life or taker to take it, payinge for the feed and one earth, if any of the land bee fowen or plowed; But the ſame next life or taker may before the ſaid Anunciacõn fallowe the arrable land for barly, and ſowe beanes and peaſe: And the ſaid executor or adminiſtrator ſhall pay the lords rent for the whole halfe yeare then endinge.

9. **Item,** If any Cuſtomary tenant dye after the feaſt of the Anunciacõn of our lady, It ſhall bee lawfull for his executor or adminiſtrator to hold ſuch meſſuages and lands which hee held vntill Michaelmas day then next followinge, The ſame executor or adminiſtrator permittinge the next life or taker to enter, and take to the meadowe and fallowe; And the ſame to occupy to his owne vſe accordinge to his eſtate then in beinge; And the ſaid executor or adminiſtrator to pay the lords rent for the wholl halfe yeare then endinge: And that (by the cuſtome) is to bee reputed for meadowe, that hath moſt vſually byn mowed for fifty yeares then laſt paſt: But if vpon ſuch tenants death the ſame doe fall in hand to the lord, Then noe executor or adminiſtrator is to hold the ſame at all, but the lord preſently to enter.

10. **Item,** If the firſt life or name named in the copy ſhall or doe fell his or her eſtate, by word or writinge, without licence of the lord or his Steward, hee or ſhee

or ſhee ſhall forfeit his or her eſtate, and all the reſt of the eſtates mentioned in the ſaid copy, vnles it bee a woman vnder Cov̊t baron: But noe other life named in the copy ſhall forfeit thereby, but his owne eſtate only.

11. Item, If any perſon havinge a Revertion copy for two or three lives, doe ſell or grant over the ſame to any perſon by paroll or writinge without licence, If ſuch perſon were the firſt life named in ſuch revertion copy, comonly called the taker, The ſame, by the cuſtome is a forfeiture of the reſt of the lives named in ſuch copy, | And alſo of their wives widowes eſtates. 17

12. Item, By the cuſtome of the Manor, any Copiholder may by word or writinge let his copihold lands for three yeares, ſoe that the ſame bee one day in each yeare actually in his hands and occupacon, And duringe ſuch time may dwell from of the ſame; But to let of ſet the ſame in any other ſort, without licence, is a forfeiture of his eſtate.

13. Item, The cuſtome is, That if any cuſtomary tenant dye, and heriot bee paid after his death: And if before entry or admittance of the next life that by the copy is to hold the ſame, the ſaid next life alſo deceaſe; That heriot notwithſtandinge ſhall bee paid, And that the widowe of ſuch Tenant ſoe dead before entry or admittance ſhall have her widowes eſtate, and heriot to bee paid, if ſhee alſo ſhould deceaſe before admittance.

14. Item, the cuſtome is, That if any copiholder dye ſeiſed of any copihold lands or tenemts, the next life which by the copy is to have the ſame, beinge within one and twenty yeares and vnmaryed, That the lord by his Steward ſhall comit the cuſtody of the body and of ſuch Cuſtomary lands, vntill the infant (male or female) come to the age of 21. yeares, at ſuch rate as in the diſcretion of the Steward, to the infants vſe, ſhall ſeeme fittinge: And ſuch comittee not to bee further anſwerable to the infant, then the Rent and conditions agreed vpon, in open court.

15. Item, the Cuſtome is, That if a Cowe happen to bee an heriot, which hath a calſe: Or a mare that hath a ſole, or an ewe that hath a lambe, or a Sowe that hath pigs, That ſuch younge ſhall goe with the dam for heriot, and bee as parcell of her, ſo longe as they are vnweaned, and vnſevered from the dam.

16. Item, the cuſtome is, That if any cuſtomary tenant dye ſeized of any cuſtomary lands which ſuffice for the breedinge of an horſe beaſt or Rother[1] beaſt, havinge

[1] Horned Cattle. [Ed.]

havinge noe ſuch beaſt of his owne at the time of his death, That either the beſt beaſt of his vndertenant occupyinge the land, or the value of ſuch an heriott out of the tenants eſtate, or from the next in Remainder, as the caſe requireth, ſhall bee paid for an heriott. Then which noe one point of cuſtome hath more often happened.

17. **Item** the cuſtome is, That if vpon the death of any cuſtomary tenant in poſſeſſion, Clayme bee not made by the next in Remainder or Revertion, or by the widowe for her free bench or widowes eſtate, within three generall courts next followinge, ſuch party after proclamacõns made at ſuch courts is barred by the cuſtome; vnleſſe ſuch party bee an Infant, ffeme covt, in priſon, of non-ſane-memory, or beyond ſeas in the kings ſervice.

18. **Item**, the Cuſtome is, That if any man lyinge vpon his death bed, or in time of extreame ſicknes, when death followeth, where true ends of holy wedlocke, cañot bee intended to bee, ſhall take a wife, and dye, That ſuch widowe wife or woman ſhall have noe freebench or widowes eſtate; As preſumed alſo not to ſtand with the firſt inſtitution of the cuſtome, with the ordinance of God or honour of religion.

19. **Item**, The cuſtome is, That a Leaſe for yeares made by any cuſtomary tenant by licence, reſervinge a rent, is good againſt his widowe duringe the terme, and ſhee only to have the rent; ffor, if ſuch cuſtomary tenant may by licence of the lord ſurrender, and ſo altogeather barre his widowe, which is the greater: hee may by like licence of the lord make ſuch a leaſe, which to doe is leſſer then to ſurrender away his whole eſtate altogeather: Neither can the wife by the death of her huſband, have from him a greater intereſt then what was in him at the time of his death,
18 wch was the rent reſerved; | and the poſſibillity of ſurvivinge the terme.

20. **Item**, the cuſtome is, That neither the executor nor adminiſtrator of a cuſtomary tenant may after his death ſell or withdrawe the dounge or ſoile that was at his death vpon the ground, nor timber, tallet poles, or the like, that were felled for the repaire or vſe of the houſes, But to remaine for the vſage of the next life: ffor the Act of God in the tenants death ſhall not preiudice any man, either the lord of the Manor, or the next life in remainder or revertion: ffor the copiholder had ſuch things only to the vſe of his tenement; And if hee could not by the cuſtome have ſold them away in his lifetime, his executor or adminiſtrator cañot after his death; for they can have from the dead noe greater power or intereſt after his death then what was in him at his death.

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21. **Item,** The cuſtome is, That if any copiholder ſhall not dwell vpon his copihold houſe: or havinge for ſomtime dwelled thervpon, ſhall recede or goe from the ſame, and dwell out of the Manor, That the ſame is a forfeiture of his eſtate, after publike proclamacõns at three Courts made for his returne.

22. **Item,** by the cuſtome, the widowe of a copihold tenant may imediately after her huſbands death waive or forſake her widowes eſtate, and ſoe pay noe heriot: But if ſhee once take the profitts, it is otherwiſe, though but for a ſhort time: And havinge once taken any profitt, though ſhee dye before the next court, or her admittance, yet ſhee ſhall pay heriott: And the like cuſtome for payment of heriott is for the ſecond or third life in the copy, though ſuch perſon dye before admittance in court.

23. **Item,** the cuſtome is, That if a Copiholder dye leavinge his houſe in decay and not ſufficiently repaired, that the next life after him ſhall repaire it, and not the homage of the manor, becauſe the remainder-man or next life might have complained therof before them in court, and ſoe have had it repaired: But if it ſoe fall into the lords hands, by the death or forfeiture of the laſt life, havinge not byn preſented or payned by the homage at the laſt court, Then the homage, viz.t, the whole cuſtomary tenants of that perticuler manor, ſhall repaire the ſame at their charges, for that it comes ruinous to their lord by their default.

24. **Item,** The cuſtome is, That the lord of the manor, may for ffynes for contempt, treble damage for waſt, and the like amciaments impoſed in open court vpon any Copihold tenant, diſtraine any Cattle goinge vpon ſuch copihold lands, either of the copiholders owne or his vndertenants, becauſe the ſame was adiudged by the Homage themſelves to bee iuſt and right: Which received a tryall at Lent aſſiſes Anno. 14. Regis Caroli, betweene Tyler p.lt. and ffillimore def.t; And then were three preſidents freſh in memory vouched and proved by 28. copiholders produced as witneſſes for the def.t, out of each manor three, or fower, wherof the Judge vpon hearinge of 7. only was ſoe ſatisfied, that hee bid the p.lt. bee nonſuite; viz.t, one preſident 20. y.rs. agone in the manor of Alkington, when Thomas Bailies cattle were taken and impounded for treble damage in waſt comitted by Clutterbooke the Copiholder; The ſecond in the Manor of Came about 17. years agone, when Tylers cattle were taken, tenant to Parker the copiholder, who had comitted waſt, and amerced in treble damages. The third in the manor of Cowley, when the treble damage was levied about 5. yeares agone vpon the Cattle of Richard Woodward who

19 who | rented the copihold of Widowe ffords, who comitted the waſt : And they all affirmed That the lord was at his elecc̃on, whether hee would take the cattle of the Copiholder or of his leſſee for any amerciam̃t, which beinge impounded, were not to bee replevied by their cuſtome, becauſe the cuſtome was in ſavour of the Copiholder, who otherwiſe forfeited his eſtate for waſt; And for that the waſt was valued by themſelves vpon oath at the lords Court, which the lord was tyed to accept of; and not to take the forfeiture of the copihold forfeited by the Comon lawe. The like preſident was in Hinton manor, betweene Lewes and Joſeph Hopton.

25. **Item,** By the Cuſtome, noe widow holdinge by her widowes eſtate can alter or change the nature of her land, but to continue it in the ſame quality and condic̃on as the grounds were, when her huſband dyed: And not to convert that into arrable which ſhee found paſture, or the like, But in all things to continue ſuch her holdinge in the ſame plight as it was left vnto her, without any preiudice to thoſe in remainder or revertion; ffor that ſuch widowes eſtate is only by the curteſy of the cuſtome, and not by any grant by her name made to her in the copy.

26. **Item,** the generall cuſtome throughout the whole hundred and Barony of Berkeley, is, That aſwell vpon alienations of freehold lands as vpon diſcents, Releeves are paid which in all ancient rolls are entred ſecundum conſuetudinem patriæ, And ſoe for heriots ſervice.

What the Cuſtomes are amongſt Copihold tenants of other manors within this hundred, not the inheritance of the lord Berkeley, ſhall after appeare in the deſcription of each of thoſe Manors.

Reeves of Manors.

And heere I will note in generall for all the ſeverall Manors within this hundred, That each Manor had its proper **Reeve** or Præpoſitus, whoſe office and authority was not only to levy the lords rents, to ſet to worke his ſervants and tenants in huſbandinge his demeſnes to his beſt profitt, But alſo to governe his tenants in peace, And as ſome have ſaid, to lead them forth to warre, when neceſſity within the land ſoe required. |

20 Phraſes and proverbs of ſpeach proper to this hundred.

In this hundred of Berkeley are frequently vſed certaine words proverbs and phraſes of ſpeach, which wee hundreders conceive, (as we doe of certaine market moneyes,) to bee not only native but confined to the ſoile bounds and territory therof; which if found in the mouthes of any forraigners, wee deeme them as leapt over

over our wall, or as ſtrayed from their proper paſture and dwellinge place: And doubtles, in the handſome mouthinge of them, the dialect ſeemes borne of our owne bodies and naturall vnto vs from the breaſts of our nurſes: with ſome fewe of which diſhes I will heere feaſt my reader and ſport my ſelfe, viz[t],

1. A native hundreder, beinge aſked where hee was borne, anſwereth, where ſhu'd y bee y bore, but at Berkeley hurns, And there, begis, each was y bore. Or thus, Each was 'geboren at Berkeley hurns.
2. So naturall is the dialect of pronouncinge the ꝥre (y) betweene words endinge and beginninge with conſonants, that it ſeemes droppinge from the aire into our mouthes: As, John y Smyth: John y Cole: Sit y downe: I can y finde it: her has y milkt: come y hither: well y ſaid my Tomy: It's a good y white pott: Each ha kild a ſerry vat y hogg: Our ſowe does not well y ſatt y: hur may y ſerve for lard y: moder cut y mee ſome meat: my mal is a good y wench: Watt y ge Tom y ſome nin y wel y din'd: hur is y gone: I will y goe: Come y my ſweet y will y: Th'art my pretty dick y: With thouſands the like, accomptinge our ſelves by ſuch manner of ſpeach to bee true patryots, And true preſervers of the honored memory of our old forefathers, Gower, Chauſer, Lidgate, Robert de Glouc̃, and others of thoſe and former ages.
3. The letter (ff) is frequently vſed for v. As fewed for viewed: ſowe for vowe: feniſon for veniſon: farniſh for varniſh: and others the like.
4. The ꝥre (v) is alſo frequently vſed for (f.) as vethers for ſethers: vaſtinge for faſtinge: vowlar for fowlar: venne for fenne: a varthinge for a farthing token: vire for fire: vat for fat veniſon; So powerfull a prerogative of tranſplantac̃on, have wee hundreders over the Alphabet.
5. G is often alſo uſed for C. As guckowe for cuckowe; grabs for crabs: A guckold for a Cuckhold, and the like.
6. ffor duſt, wee ſay, douſt: rowſty, for ruſty: fouſty, for fuſty, youſe for vſe: and the like.
7. Thicke and thucke, for this and that, ruſh out with vs at every breath. As, d'ont thick way; d'ont thuck way: for, doe it on this way: doe it on that way.
8. Putton vp, for put it up: putton on thick way: putton on thuck way: ſetton vp, for ſet it vp: cutton of, for cut it of; And many the like.
9. I wou'd it was hild, for I would it were flead, or the ſkyn of.
10. y w'ood t'wert hild: for, I would thou were hanged.

11. Hur

11. Hur goes too blive for mee : i.e. ſhee goes too faſt for mee.
12. fflippant. i.e. ſlippery, quicke, nimble.
13. Neighboriden ; for neigbourhood in all ſenſes.
14. Wenchen, for wenches, or girles. |
21 15. Axen, for aſhes.
16. Hur ligs well y bed y this morne ; i. ſhee ſleepes a napp of nyne houres.
17. I can beteeme ſhee any thinge. i.e. I can deny her nothinge.
18. What ? wil't y piſſe a bed. i.e. what will you piſſe your bed :
19. Sheeme bene heere a numbers while. i.e. mee ſeemes I have byn heere a longe while.
20. Beanes thick yeare are orribly hong'd. i.e. Beanes this yeare are horribly codded.

Hur is dothered. i.e. ſhee is amazed aſtoniſhed.

An attery, or thwartover wench. i. An angry or croſſe natur'd wench.

H'eel take it fery hugey. i.e. hee will take it in evill part. H'eel growe madd y.

gaa. i.e. come, let us goe : If you'l goe, gaa. i.e. If you will goe, then come let vs goe.

A ſhard. i. a gapp or broken place in an hedge.

A loppertage. i. A lowe place where a hedge is trodden downe.

Hembles. i. a dead ſhard or gap, neere to a gate : A frequent word in bylawes at our Courts.

y wud and y cud. i.e. I would doe it if I could.

you ſpeake dwelth. i.e. you talke you know not what.

Each'ill warrant you. i.e. I will bee your warrant.

Each ha'nnot wel y din'd. i. I have not well dyned.

The ſre (v) is frequently vſed for (i.) As gurdle, for girdle ; Threſcall for threſhold.

Harrouſt, for harveſt.

To hint. i.e. to end. hintinge, a word in huſbandry.

A wize acre. i. a very foole.

Lick many. i. like many.

To hite abroad. i.e. To ride abroad on pleaſure.

To tett. i.e. to chaſe. Hee tet my ſheepe. i.e. chaſed them.

To veize, and veizinge. i. to chaſe : chaſinge violently vp and downe.

Loome, loomer. i. often and oftner. And loomer. i. faſter.

To loxe. i.e. to convey away privately. A loxer. i.e. A ſecret purloyner. Loxinge. i.e. private pilferinge.

To Vocket

To vocket, vockater, vockatinge: In like ſenſe as to loxe, a loxer, & loxinge, laſt mentioned.
The pugg. i.e. the reſuſe corne left at winnowinge.
Shoon. i. ſhoes; The naturall ideome of my whole family, my ſelfe ſcarce free from the infection.
A penſton, a coine or Jameſtone.
Thick cole will y not y tind. i. This cole will not burne.
Wee ſhim all huſh at home i.e. wee are all quiet at home.
meeve. i.e. move. As, meeve them a lich. i.e. move them a like.
grannam. i.e. grandame, a grandmother. good gramere. i.e. good grandmother.
Twit. i.e. vpbraid.
gait. i.e. all in haſt; or heddy.
A grible. i.e. A crabſtocke to graſt vpon.
Howe fare ſader and moder: when ſawe you ſader and moder; ſader and moder will bee heere to morrowe. Altogeather without the pronoune poſſeſſive.
This hay did well y henton. i.e. dry or wither well. |
Each am well y fritt. i.e. I am well filled. 22
Ch'am w'oodly agreezd. i.e. I am wonderfully agreived.
In the familiar difference of the vſuall words, gay and goe, conſiſteth halfe the thrift of my huſbandries. gaye, is let vs goe, when my ſelfe goes as one of the company: But, goe, is the ſendinge of others when my ſelfe ſtaies behinde.
A goſchicken. i. a goſlin or younge gooſe.
Ourne, for ours; theirn, for theirs: hurne for hers, and many the like.
A piſſe glaſſe. i.e. an vrinall.
A ſlaterne, i.e. a rude ill bred woman. An haytrell, the like.
An hoytrell, i.e. a looſe idle knave.
Hur will bee bedlome anoae. i.e. ſhee will bee by and by mad.
A Dowd, i.e. An vnſeemely woman, vnhandſome in face and foote.
Dunch, i.e. deafe. Hurts, i.e. bilbaries. Solemburies, i.e. ſervice berries; wized. i.e. wiſhed.
Hee makes noe hoe of it. i.e. hee cares not for it.
Hee is an haſtis man, i.e. haſty or angry.
Come a downe, i.e. get yee downe. Come y vp. i.e. come vp. I pray ſet a downe. i.e. I pray ſit downe.
Hite, i.e. Comely. vnhity, i.e. vncomely. you diſhite mee, i.e. you ſhame mee.
Tyd, i.e. wanton. Hee is very tyd, i.e. very wanton. A tyd bit, i.e. a ſpeciall morſell reſerved to eat at laſt.

Each

Each ha fongd to a childe, i.e. I have byn godfather at a childes chriſtninge. Hee did fange to mee, i.e. hee is my godfather.

To fonge, i.e to receive.

The cowes white, i.e. butter and cheefe.

A voulthay. i.e

To gale, A galer, The galefiſhinge; wherof read after, in my deſcripcõn of Severne.

Wone, twa, three, voure, vive, id eſt. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

Hee n'eer blins, i.e. hee never ceaſeth.

Meefe, meefy, i.e. moſſe, moſſy.

Hee wants boot a beame, i.e. Hee wants money to ſpend: or mony in his purſe.

Thuck vire don't y bran, i.e. this fire doth not burne.

It war y gold, that war y gam y; i.e. That was gold wch was given mee.

ga'as zo'm of thuck bread, i.e. give mee fome of that bread.

Hur ha's well y tund her geer to day. i. ſhee hath applied her booke to day.

Moder, gyn, will not y waſhen' the diſhen'. i. Mother, Jone, will not waſh the diſhes.

Gyn y com y and tyff y the windowes. i. Jone, come, and trim vp the windowes, (meaninge with flowers.)

Eefee, and eaffee. i. waighty. Eefeer and eefteer. i. waightier. Its eefee corne in hond.

Camplinge, i. brawlinge, chidinge.

Pilſteers. i. pillow beers.

But, Claudite jam rivos pueri, ſat prata liberunt.|

23 Proverbs peculiar to this Hundred.

1. **Hee's** like an Aprill ſhoure, that wets the ſtone 9 times in an houre. Hee's like a feather on an hill.—Applyed to an vnconſtant man.
2. **Hee** is an hughy proud man, hee thinkes himſelfe as great as my lord Berkeley. —Our ſimple ancient honeſties knewe not a greater to make compariſon by, when this proverbe firſt aroſe.
3. **Hee'l** proove, I thinke, a man of Durſeley. i.e. A man that will promiſe much but performe nothinge.—This (now diſperſed over England,) tooke roote from one Webb a great Clothier dwellinge in Durſeley in the daies of Queen Mary, as alſo was his father in the time of kinge Henry the viijth; vſinge to buy very great quantities of wooll out of moſt counties of England; At the waighinge wherof, both father and ſonne, (the better to drawe on their ends,) would ever promiſe out of that parcell a gowncloth peticote cloth apron or the like,

the like, to the good wife or her daughters, but never paid any thinge: Old Edward Greene vicar of Berkeley, in the firſt of kinge James, vſinge this proverbe in his ſermon there, whereat many of Durſley were preſent, had almoſt raiſed a tumult amongſt his auditory, wherof my ſelfe was one.

4. **Hee** ſeekes for ſtubble in a fallowe ſeild, i.e. hee looſeth his labour. Or, as wee otherwiſe ſpeake, ſeekes for a needle in a bottle of hay.

5. **No** pipe noe puddinge: In the like ſenſe as, No penny no pater noſter. Or as, Carmina ſi placeant, fac nos gaudere palato. Now thou my penny haſt, of the muſicke let mee taſt.

6. **Hee** that feares every graſſe muſt never piſſe in a meadowe. In like ſenſe as, A faint hart never won a faire lady.

7. **Hee** that's cooled with an Apple, and heated with an egge, Over mee ſhall never ſpread his legg̃.—A widowe's wanton proverbe.

8. **Neighbor,** w'are ſure of faire weather, each ha beheld this morne, Abergainy hill.—A frequent ſpeach with vs of the hilly part of this hundred; and indeed that little picked hill in Wales over that Towne is a good Alminake maker; wherof my ſelfe have often made vſe in my huſbandry.

9. **Hee** is very good at a white pott.—By white pot, wee weſterne men doe meane a great cuſtard or puddinge baked in a bagg, platter, kettle, or pan: Notinge heerby, a good trencher man, or great eater.

10. **I must** play Benall with you. A frequent ſpeach when the gueſt, im̃ediately after meat, without any ſtay departeth.

11. **A great** houſkeeper is ſure of nothinge for his good cheare, ſave a great Turd at his gate. I wiſh this durty proverbe had never prevailed in this hundred, havinge from thence baniſhed the greater halfe of our ancient hoſpitallity.

12. **My** catt is a good mouſhunt.—An vſuall ſpeach when wee huſbands com̃end the diligence of our wives. Wee hundreders maintaininge as an orthodox poſition, That hee that ſomtimes flattereth not his wife can̄ot alwaies pleaſe her.

13. **Quicklye prickes** the tree, that a ſharpe thorne will bee.—In like ſence, as elſewhere.—Soone crookes the tree, that a good cambrell will bee. Contrary to that wicked one—A younge faint an old Devill.

14. **Day** may bee diſcerned at a little hole.—Diverſly and not vnaptly applied. |

15. **The** gray mare is the better horſe.—meaninge, that the moſt maſter goeth 24
breechleſſe: i. when the ſilly huſband muſt aſke his wife, whether it ſhall bee a bargaine or not.

16. **Money** is noe ſoole, if a wife man have it in keepinge.—Alludinge to the old com̃on ſayinge,—That a ſoole and his money are ſoone parted.

17. **When**

17. **When** wheat lies longe in bed, it rifeth with an heavy head. When wheat is fowne in October or November, and by reafon of an heavy furrowe caft vpon it, or other accident of nyppinge wether, fhewes not above ground till December or January, Our plowmen fay It will at harveft have the greater eare; But, (by the leave of my fellow ploughmen and their proverbe,) I thinke both they and my felfe bury neere halfe the feed wee fowe in that manner, that never rifeth.

18. **Dip** not thy finger in the morter, nor feeke thy penny in the water.—Lord Coke, cheife Juftice, in the yeare 1613, brought this into that hundred at the maryage of the lady Theophila Berkeley to Sir Robert his eldeft fonne, which fince is growne frequent. A prudent dehortation from buildings and water-workes. ffor my follies in both, I may iuftly bee indited.

19. **Hee's** like the mafter Bee that leades forth the fwarme.—Alludinge to the prime man of a parifh, to whofe will all the reft agree.

20. **Hee** mends like fowre ale in fomer. i.e. Hee growes from nought to worfe.

21. **Hee** hath offered his candle to the divell.—This (now comon) thus arofe; Old ffillimore of Cam, goinge in Anno 1584, to pfent Sr Tho. Throgm: of Tortworth with a fuger lofe, met by the way with his neighbor S. M: who demanded whither and vpon what bufines hee was goinge, anfwered, **To offer my candle to the Divill**: which cominge to the eares of Sr Tho: At the next mufter hee fent two of ffillimores fonnes foldiers into the Low countries, where the one was flayne and the other at a deere rate redeemed his returne.

22. **Be-gis**, be-gis, it's but a mans fancy.—A frequent fpeach which thus arofe: William Bower of Hurft ffarme, had each fecond yeare one or more of his maidfervants with childe, whom, with fuch portions as hee beftowed vpon them, hee maryed either to his menfervants, (perhaps alfo fharers with him,) or to his neighbors fonnes of meaner ranke: Some yeares paft, it was demaunded of A: Cl: why hee beinge of an eftate in wealth well able to live, would marry one of Bowers double whores, (for by her hee had had two baftards,) wherto A. Cl: foberly replyed, Begys, Begys, its but a mans fancy, Its but a mans fancy: meaninge, &c. take which of the conftructions you pleafe; In both fenfes it's comon with vs hundreders.

23. **Gett** him a wife, get him a wife. W. Quinten of Hill havinge a peftilent angry and vnquiet wife, much more infultinge over his milde nature then Zantippe over Socrates, was oft enforced to fhelter himfelfe from thofe ftormes, to keepe his chamber: whence, hearinge his neighbors complayninge of the vnrulines of their towne bull, whom noe mounds would keepe out from fpoilinge of their corne

corne feilds, the bull then bellowing before them, and they then in chafinge him towards the comon pound; peepinge out of his chamber windowe, cryed to them; **Neighbors, Neighbors, gett him a wife, gett him a wife**; meaninge, That by that meanes hee would bee made quiett and tamed as himfelfe was: from whence this proverbe (nowe frequent) firft arofe. |

24. **If** once againe I were Jacke Tomfon or John Tomfon, I would never after bee 25
good man Tomfon while I lived: Hence this, thus: This Jacke Tomfon foe called till fixteene, and after John Tomfon till hee maryed at 24, was the only jovyall and frolicke younge man at merry meetings and Maypoles in all Beverfton, where hee dwelled: After his maryage, (humors at home not well fettlinge betweene him and his wife,) hee loft his mirth and began to droope, which one of his neighbors often obfervinge, demanded vpon a fit opportunity, the caufe of his bad cheare and heavy lookes; wherto, hee fighing gave this anfwere: Ah neighbor, if once againe I were either Jacke Tompfon or John Tomfon, I would never bee goodman Tomfon while I lived: This ftory I derived from Willm Bower the elder, the old Bayle of this hundred, vpon whofe kinfman the inftance was; And from whome his owne cafe diffented but little.

25. **Hee** drew it as blith as a Robin reddocke: vizt, As a robin redbreft.

26. **Ch'am** woodly agreezd. vizt, I am wonderfully greived.

27. **When** Weftridge wood is motley, then its time to fowe barley.

28. **Hee's** well ferved, for hee hath oft made orts of better hay; Orts is the coarfe butt end of hay which beafts leave in eatinge of their fodder: This proverbe is applyed to man or woman who refufinge many good offers in maryage, either in greatnes of portion or comlines of perfon, At laft it makes choice of much leffe or worfe.

29. **Hee** hath fold a beane and bought a peaze;
Hee hath fould a pound and bought a penny;
Hee hath fold Briftoll and bought Bedminfter;
} Reproaches to an vnthrifty man.

30. **Beware,** Clubs are trumps; Or clubs will prove trumps. A caution for the maids to bee gone for their Miftreffes anger hath armed her with a cudgell: Or, to the filly hufband to bee packinge, for his wife draweth towards her altitude.

31. **Hee's** a true chipp of the old blocke. Like fonne like father.

32. **All** the maids in Wanfwell may dance in an egg fhell. I hold this a lying proverbe at this day, it flandereth fome of my kindred that dwell there.

33. **Hee** has met with an hard Winter. Alludinge to one recoved from a pinchinge ficknes: or to a beaft caft down with hardnes of fare.

34. **Simondsall**

34. **Simondsall sauce,** vſuall To note a gueſt bringinge an hungry appetite to our table: Or when a man eates little, to ſay hee wants ſome of Simondſall ſauce: The farme of Simondſall ſtands on the higheſt place and pureſt aire of all that country: If any ſcituacõn could promiſe longe and healthy daies I would thence expect it: provided I have a good woodpile for winter.

35. **Simondsall newes.** The clothiers horſcarriers and wainmen of this hundred who weekely frequent London, knowinge by ancient cuſtome, That the firſt queſtion, (after welcome home from London,) is What newes at London; Doe vſually gull vs with feigned inventions, deviſed by them vpon thoſe downes; which wee either then ſuſpectinge vpon the report, or after findinge falſe, wee cry out, Simondſall newes. A generall ſpeach betweene each coblers teeth.

36. **Hee** is as milde as an hornett. Meaninge a very waſpe in tongue or trade; This proverbe I have from my wife, a true Cowleian, and naturall bred hundredor; A proverbe as frequent with her, as chidinge with her maides. |

26 37. **Poorly** ſitt, ritchly warme; when on an high chaire wee ſit before the fire the legs are only warmed: but ſittinge on a poore lowe ſtoole, then thighes belly breaſt & boſome face & head take benefitt & are warmed. Howbeit wee hundredors ſomtimes metaphorize this proverbe into a prudent counſell, directinge our worldly affaires.

38. **ffaire** fall nothinge once a yeare. It needs no cõment.

39. **I'e** make abb or warp of it. If not one thinge yet another.

40. In little medlinge is much eaſe.
Of much medlinge, comes no ſound ſleepinge.

41. **An** head that's white to mayds brings noe delight: or An head that's gray ſerves not for maydens play: In which ſtate my conſtitucõn now ſtands.

42. **When** the daies begin to lengthen the cold begins to ſtrengthen.—meaninge the coldeſt part of Winter is after the winter Solſtice. Alludinge alſo to the rule of huſbandry: That at Candlemas a provident huſbandman ſhould have halfe his fodder, and all his corne remaininge.

43. **All** is well ſave that the worſt peece is in the midſt. Noe ſpeach more true, when the taylor firſt puts on our wives new gownes.

44. **A** man may love his houſe well though hee ride not vpon the ridge: Or, Love well his cowe though hee kiſſe her not.

45. **As** nimble as a blinde cat in a barne.

46. **I** w'ud I c'ud fee't, ka' blind Hugh. for I would I could fee it.

47. **Lide** pilles the hide: meaninge that March (called by vs lide) pinches the poare man's beaſt.

48. **Two**

48. **Two** hungry meales makes the third a glutton. In like ſence as, Hungry dogs eat durty puddings.

49. **If** thou lov'ſt mee at the hart, thou'lt not looſe mee for a fart. Often varied into divers applicacõns.

50. **When** the crow begins to build then ſheepe begin to yeald: meaninge, that the fall of rotten ſheepe is principally in ffebruary or March, wherin that bird gathereth ſticks to make her neſt: Alludinge to that other proverb, Michaelmas rott comes ſhort of the pott: Intimatinge, that thoſe ſheepe which by wett ſomers hony dewes, or like cauſes of rott, which when comonly comes in Auguſt or September, Rottinge at Michaelmas, dye in Lent after, when that ſeaſon of the yeare permitted not the poore huſbandman to eat them.

51. **Smoke** will to the ſmicker: meaninge, If many goſſips ſit againſt a ſmokey chimney the ſmoke will bend to the faireſt; A proverbe which doth advantage a merry goſſip to twitt the foule ſlutt her neighbour.

52. **A misty** morne in th'old o'th moone doth alwaies bringe a faire poſt-noone. An hilly proverbe about Simondſall.

53. **The** more beanes the fewer for a penny. Meaninge, When beanes prove beſt wheat and barley proove worſt, wherby the price of pulſe is raiſed.

54. **When** thou doſt drinke beware the toſt, for therein lyes the danger moſt.

55. **My** milke is in the Cowes horne, now the zunne is 'ryv'd at Capricorne: meaninge, when the dayes are at ſhorteſt, the cowe comonly then fed with ſtrawe and neere the calvinge, gives little or no milke.

56. **Bones** bringe meat to towne: meaninge, Difficult and hard things are not altogether to bee reiected, or things of ſmall conſequence.

57. **A poare** mans tale may now bee heard: vizt, When none ſpeakes the meaneſt may.

58. **Store** is noe fore; Plenty never rings it's maſter by the eare.

59. **In** deſcripcõn of our choiceſt morſells, wee ſay; The backe of an hearinge, the poll of a tench, The ſide of a ſalmon, the belly of a wench. |

60. **Kitch** doth proove the man who hath the hand, 27
To bury wives, and t'have his ſheepe to ſtand.

61. **A sowe** doth ſooner then a cowe, bringe an oxe to the plowe: meaninge, more profit doth ariſe to the huſbandman by a ſowe then a cowe.

62. **As** bawdy as a butcher: meaninge, that filthines ſtickes to his conditions, as viſibly as greaſe to the butchers apron.

63. **Hee** that will thrive muſt riſe at five: But hee that hath thriven may lye till ſeaven.

64. **Hee**

64. Hee that ſmells the firſt ſavour, is the faults firſt father. This proverbe admits many applicacõns: The homlyeſt is, That hee firſt ſmels the fart that lett it.

65. Hee is tainted with an evill guiſe,
Loth to bed, and lother to riſe.

66. Hee that worſt may, muſt hold the c̃andle. Or, the weakeſt goes to the wall.

67. If two ride vpon an horſe one muſt ſit behinde; meaninge, That in each contention one muſt take the ſoile.

68. Bee the counſell better, bee it worſe,
ffollow him, that beares the purſe.

69. Many eſteeme more of the broth, then of the meat ſod therein. Div̊ſly applied.

70. The Crowe bids you good morrow. A phraſe wherby wee figuratively call a man a knave.

71. Barley makes the heape, but wheat the cheape: Meaninge, that a good wheat yeare pulles downe the price of its ſelfe and of all other graines, which noe other graine doth.

72. Hee bites the eare, yet ſeemes to cry for feare: meaninge, hee doth the wronge yet firſt complaines.

73. Neerest to the well furtheſt from the water. Like, neereſt to the church furtheſt from God.

74. Hee never hath a bad day that hath a good night: not much vnlike, Hee never hath a bad leaſe that hath a good landlord.

75. Hee hath eaten his roſt meat firſt: diverſly applyed.

76. Nocke anew, nocke anew. i.e. Try againe.

77. Boad a bagg, and bearn'. i. An ill hap fallẽs where it is feared.

78. Need and night make the lame to trott.

79. The owners foot doth fatt the ſoile: Or the maſters eye doth feed the horſe.

80. The cup and cover will hold togeather: Birds of a feather will flocke togeather; Like will like; The Dyvell likes the collier.

81. Faire is the weather where cup and cover doe hold together: viz:, where huſband and wife agree.

82. Things ne'ere goe ill where Jacke and Gill piſſe in one quill.

83. A woman, ſpaniell, and a walnut tree,
The more they are beaten, better they bee. } Sed quere de hoc.

84. Much ſmoke little fire; much adoe about nothinge.

85. Hee that wreakes himſelfe at every wronge,
Shall never ſinge the ritch mans ſonge.

86. A style toward, and a wife forward, are vneaſy companions.

87. As

87. As the good man faies, fo it fhould bee,
But as the good wife faies, foe it muft bee.

88. As proud as an Ape of a whip; vz. not proud at all; rather in diflike of ye thinge.

89. On St Valentines day caft beanes in clay, But on St Chad fowe good and badd. —So that wee hundredors lymit the feed time of that lenten crop between the 14th of ffebruary and the fecond of March.

90. As proud as a dog in a dublett. i.e. very proud.

91. Patch by patch is yeomanly; but patch vpon patch is beggerly. |

92. Winter never dies in her dams belly. Our climate is fure of frofts or fnowes 28
firft or laft.

93. Botch and fit, build and flit. I befhrew this proverbe, wherby the tenant is kept from a comly repairinge of his houfe, for doubt of havinge it taken in revertion over his head.

94. Its merry in the hall when beards wagg all. i.e. when men are eatinge, and women dancinge.

95. The mice will play when the catt is away. i.e. Servants will loyter when the mafter is abfent: This my experience in my longe abodes abroade, all my life longe, hath prooved too true for my profitt.

96. Till for loll: Id eft, one for another: As good as hee brought:

97. When Wotton hill doth weare a cap, Let Horton towne beware of that. i.e. That foggy mift comonly turnes that way into raine.

98. Better a bit then noe bread. i.e. Somthinge is better then nothinge. Nothinge hath noe favour.

99. Many feames many beanes. An hufbandly proverbe checkinge great and broad furrowes, too frequent with our hynde fervants.

100. Beware the fox in a fearne bufh. i.e. Old fearne of like colour keepes often the fox vnperceived. Hypocrify often clokes a knave.

—— Sat lufimus iftis.

I have now ended what I intended in generall, in fport or earneft, in the defcription of this hundred. I nowe fall vpon a perticuler defcription of each Towne, parifh, village, hamblet, Ryver, hill, dale, or other remarkeable place, As by Alphabet they prefent themfelves before mee; Dedicatinge what followeth,

To you my beloved fonne John Smyth, and to you my ancient and honeft fervant William Archard; Thus tellinge you, That,

I had caft what followeth into a mould farre otherwife cut out then now you fee it:

it: I had alſo purpoſed in a volume by it ſelfe the reviewe of a booke of the lord Berkeleys tenures by knights ſervice in this hundred of Berkeley finiſhed in the yeare 1605, and then preſented to Henry lord Berkeley, in acknowledgm^t of the dett which I owed from the place of Stewardſhip I held, (as ſtill I doe,) vnder his fee and patent; In this ſpace of thirty and fower yeares, (my deſires ſtill puſhinge mee that way,) I have finiſhed the three volumes of the hiſtory of that family, lately copied out by one of you: ffrom my endeavors wherin are a remaine of that perticuler worke, (great indeed, had not a continued delight of 40. yeares haled mee alonge,) I found leaſt in my rough pap^rs, ſuch ſtore of materialls as ſeemed ſufficient, both for this deſcription of the hundred of **Berkeley**, And alſo for a reviewe of my ſaid booke of tenures; which, as my ſecond thoughts told mee, could not well bee divided into ſeverall volumes, as I firſt intended: At leaſt, my withered age, (become a freind to eaſe,) prepared mee ſoe to thinke, ſuggeſtinge that I more fitly might, (as the proverbe is,) make vp both thoſe gaps with one buſh and the ſame ſtakes; which I have heerein eſſayed to doe, the cauſe of the newe faſhioned
29 garment | wherwith I have now apparelled this followinge Deſcription.

In this ſpace, yee two, havinge beene in many ſallies abroad and ſerches at home my helpers and Amanuenſes, and withall moſt likely after my daies to hold vnder that noble family the place I yet doe, I offer then to your viewe and amendment, if in any thinge I have erred; the rather alſo for that your future daies, treadinge in the ſame waies wherin I have walked, may both iudge of my ſtepps and inlarge the path which I have trodden in, much by mee deſired, for the benefitt of that noble lord and his ever honored family, vnder which I have growne vp to bee what I am; and vnder mee, yee to bee what you now are, with future hopes conceived of you both. God Almighty bleſſe yee: The affectionate prayer of

John Smyth the elder.

December. 1639.
Anno 15. Regis Caroli. |

Alkington.

Alkington, in Domeſday booke, Almintune : And in the time of kinge Henry the third written Alcrinton, but erroniouſly : is a Manor lo^pp or tithinge within the pariſh of Berkeley, conſiſtinge of theſe ſmall hambletts or petty villages ; vizt., Nuport, Woodford, Swanly, Wike, Goldeſwike, Dangervilſwike, Baynham, Rugbagge, Holts, Heathfeild, and Alkington, which laſt giveth name to the whole manor ; Of all which George lord Berkeley is owner, holden of the kinge by knights ſervice in Capite, and parcell of his Barony and great Manor of Berkeley : whereof himſelfe and his Anceſtors in a lineall diſcent of 20 generations, the ſpace of—550. yeares, have byn owners, without attainder ; Whoſe Diſcent from Hardinge the Dane to the lord Robert his ſonne and heire, And from him to the ſaid lord George, is before laid downe in fol: 7. And after fol: 109; Of each of which eleaven ſmall hambletts ſomthinge is after written in perticuler. 30

This Manor of Alkington is accompted a fourth part of the pariſh of Berkeley, and contributeth after that rate in all pariſh payments ; The demeſnes wherof in the time of William the Conqueror conſiſted of ſower hides of land, As by Domeſdei booke appeares.

In the ſaid hamblett called Alkington is halfe the parke called the Worthy or Caſtle parke ; And in other parts of this Manor or tithinge are the parks called Oakeley parke, and Mychaelwood park or chaſe : In which Chaſe is the ſhewe of an ancient and ſpatious campe, deeply entrenched, called at this day the ffortreſſe, or old caſtle ; but when caſt vp, or vpon what occaſion, I have not found. Parkes. ffortreſſe.

Betweene the hamblets of Wike and Nuport, is a little meade called Riam, whither on Sunday next after Whitſunday reſorted the youthes of both ſexes from many Villages adioyninge, ſpendinge the afternoone in dancinge, leapinge, Wraſtlinge, and the like exercifes ; A day knowne in all the quarters therabouts by the matronimicall name of Riam-mead ſunday ; A meetinge of late years omitted. Whereof read more fol : 344. Riam-mead.

In a feild neere therto, by the gravell pitts, are often digged and ploughed vp divers dead mens bones and ſculls ; but when buried or how there laid vp I have not found ; Neither can more probably conjecture then of the vrnes or empty earthen Vrnes or pitchers.

earthen pitcher that have likewife there byn digged vp, fome of them covered with maffy broad ftones.

Fithe barne. In this hamblet of Wike ftandeth one of the eight tythe barnes belonginge to the parifh of Berkeley, worth per Anñ—xxxij^{li}.

Michaelwood Wherin alfo I rather place the Chace of Michaelwood then in Woodford, which hath longe byn honored with a Ranger and two keepers; But vpon an agreement in the Tenth yeare of kinge James betweene Henry lord Berkeley and the inhabitants of this lordfhip of Alkington havinge Comon of pafture in this Chace, It was by a Decree in the Court of Chancery foe fetled by confent That 400 acres at 18 foote to the perch was enclofed into a paled parke, And the refidue
31 vpon that decree, was left to bee the free comon of the faid inhabitants, | And the Deere from thenceforwards for ever excluded; And theron 1000 oakes to bee left for the maft and fhadowe of the Cattle of the Comoners, which at noe time after fhould bee felled or otherwife difpofed of: Howbeit it longe foe remained not, ffor George lord Berkeley grandchilde and heire of the faid lord Henry did in the Third of kinge Charles difparke the fame, and lett it to 12 feverall men at an improved rent, caryinge the pales for repaire of his three other parks of Whitcliffe, Newparke, and the Worthy, then in much decay: Which foe continueth to this day, 1639.

Places in Mikelwood. The moft remarkeable parts of which Chace are knowne by the names of Sandridge, Harehills, Blakemore, Redford, the pikes, the fortreffe, the lodge quarter, the gully, and Campden Hill: Of which diftinguifhable names good vfe was made in a fuite in the court of Wards and Liveries in 42. Eliz. profecuted by Anne Counteffe of Warwicke widowe, againft Henry lord Berkeley and others
Affarts defendants, for the greater halfe thereof, wherein fhee prevailed not. Much of which Chace hath almoft round about byn cut out pared and affarted by feverall grants made in fee and fee taile, by the lords therof, in feverall kings times; And amongft others, Thomas lord Berkeley the fecond of that name, by Deed without
Foules grove date granted to Richard de Wike and his heires, Vnum claufum in bofco fuo de Mukelwood de quodam affarto quod Willus ffowell quondam tenuit quod continet fex acras et fexaginta perticatas terræ et bofci, quod iacet inter clum Pucellæ de Haggely et viam quæ ducit per medium de Mukelwood verfus Ecclam de Nubbeley; To hold of him and his heires by knights fervice, and the yearly rent of three fhillings, which is paid at this day by John Purnell of Wike, whofe father Thomas Purnell in quarto Jacobi, purchafed the fame of Willm Gibbs and Henry Hathway, as they

as they in eod̃ anno Jacobi of Willm Baſſet Eſq̃, ſonne of Edward, ſonne of Willm, ſonne of Robert, ſonne of Gyles, ſonne of Robert ſonne of John, ſonne of Edmond brother and heire of John and Maurice, who both dyed without iſſue, the three ſonnes of Sir Simon Baſſet knight, who dyed in 37. E. 3. ſonne of Sir Edmond, brother and heire of Sir John Baſſett, ſonnes of Anſelme Baſſet and Margaret his wife, daughter of Thomas lord Berkeley the firſt of that name; Which name of ffoules grove continueth to this day, anno 1639, from the poſſeſſion of the ſaid Willm ffowell, and lieth bounded as of old is mentioned in the Deed; And came firſt into the family of the Baſſetts by the ſaid Sr. Simon Baſſett, a very remarkeable ſcholler and Souldier, and many yeares Eſcheator and Sheriffe of this county in the raigne of kinge Edward the third; Of whom read more in the deſcription of Ewly, fol. 185. 190.

The like grant or Affart of another part of this Mukelwood was made by Robert lord Berkeley the ſecond of that name, in the time of kinge Richard the firſt, who by his Deed without date, dedit Galfrido vitulo et heredibus ſuis, diverſas parvas pcellas terræ in Huntingford, Et totum | affartum illud in orientali boſci ſui 32
de Muclewood, quod Radus Scai affartavit, Reddendo—15s p añ ad feſta Sc̃i Mich̃is et Paſche pro omnibus ſervitijs et demandis, Salvo regali ſervicio quando ad vnam virgatam terre pertinet: Et etiam conceſſit viginti porcos quieſtos de pannagio in boſco ſuo de Muclewood p̃dc̃o ſive clauſus fuerit, ſive non. And alſo by this deed in another parcell of Muclewood affarted, granted to the ſaid Geffry Veel and his heires, bounded to lye next Woodyeates on the north part, and the Meadowe ground called Wingeſmore on the eaſt pte, And the ground called Hinctall on the ſouth part; and is divided from other grounds parcell of the ferme of Huntingford by a little brooke on the eaſt and ſouth parts, called Camylham, and containeth about eight acres, knowne by the name of the Woodleys, which yealdeth ſix pence of ancient cuſtome, towards the fifteenth and Tenth aſſeſſed vpon this Manor of Alkington, when it is granted by parliament, as lyinge within the ſame: And is now the inheritance of Thomas Graile by a late purchaſe made by him from John Dutton of Shirborne Eſq̃, who purchaſed the ſame (inter alia) of Sir Henry Baynton knight who purchaſed the ſame of Sir William Throkmerton, ſonne and heire of Sir Thomas Throkmerton, who died in the ſixt of kinge James, in whoſe office the ſame is perticulerly mentioned: wherof alſo, ſee more in Huntingford, fol :—235. Affarts.

In the yeare 1605. vpon controverſies ariſinge betweene the Inhabitants of this manor of Alkington and of Stinchcombe adioyninge, touchinge Com̄onage, It was by the Com̄onage ſetled betweene Stinchc̃. and Alkington.

by the mediation of Robert Hale Esq, a Barryster of Lincolnes Inne and myselfe thus setled by the assent of both townships; vzt, That the Inhabitants of Alkington Stinchcombe and Stancombe shall entercomon togeather from the lake or grip in Cresway which divideth the wast grounds of those Lops vnto Cresway head containinge in length perches, and in bredth as the hedges on either side confine the same, without disturbance on either side: And if any of the cattell of the inhabitants of Alkington come over the said lake or gripp into the wast grounds of Stinchcombe, and noe man present to returne them backe, then it shall bee lawfull for them of Stinchcombe to impound them as Trespassors: And likewise if any cattell of Stinchcombe or Stancombe shall come or depasture beyond Cresway head into the wast grounds of Alkington, and noe man present to returne them backe, then it shall bee lawfull for them of Alkington to impound them as trespassors: Which Agreement continueth to this day. Ao 1639.

Holts

Holts, one of the little hambletts, wherof this Manor or lordship of Alkington is said to consist, is memorable for the many longe and troublesome suits in lawe which of old in the time of kinge Henry the fifth, Henry the sixt, and kinge Edward the fourth, And of late in the times of Queene Elizabeth and kinge James have arisen about the title thereof, in most of the kings Courts, if not in all, continuinge till the viith of kinge James; wherof to write at large would tire a patient reader, but nowe are fallen asleepe in peace; **And** vnwillinge I am to ravell a thread, or awaken any sence of them. |

33 Newport Chantry

In Newport (which I have in the time of kinge Edward the third seene written, novus portus,) one of the little hamblets of this Lop or Tithinge of Alkington, seated in the midd, and highway betweene the Cities of Glouc. and Bristoll, wherby it seemes a pretty through-fare towne, beautified with three or fower Innes for travellers; Thomas lord Berkeley in the xvijth and xxth yeares of kinge Edward the third founded two Chantries, and endowed them with two messuages, two yard land and five pounds rent, lyinge in Berkeley, Wotton, Hill, and Alkington, for two Chapleins to celebrate in the Chapple of Saint Maurice there, licenced by the kinge, and confirmed by Wolstan Bishop of Worcester: And by his Charter of foundation appointed what kindes of Masses and praiers should bee sunge vpon vsuall dayes, ordinary holydayes, and vpon speciall festivalls, in soe decent and holy a manner, that vnles hee had byn a scholler to John Wickecliffe, (who now lived,) hee could not have come neerer to the doctrine of theis present dayes in the church of England; forbiddinge theis his preists to take money of any man,

man, or to bee fervant or chaplein to any perſon but to God only in ſpiritualities, and to himſelſe in honeſt and neceſſary temporalities ; And that they ſhould live chaſtly and honeſtly, and not come to markets alehouſes or tavernes, neither ſhould frequent playes or vnlawfull games : In a word, Hee made theis preiſts by theis ordinances to bee two of thoſe honeſt men whom wee miſtake and call puritans in theis our times : In which condition theis Chanteries and their Chaple continued, (reputed a manor by the additions of other lands by his poſterity,) till its fatall blowe was given by parliament in the firſt yeare of kinge Edward the ſixt : Out of which poſſeſſions the lord George Berkeley, heire male to the ſaid lord Thomas the founder, receiveth a fee rent of—xliiij^{s} viij^{d} at this day, ſaved to him by the ſaid act of Diſſolucon. And afterwards in July in the Third of kinge Edward the Sixt, the kinge granted the ſame to Matthew White and Edward Burry and their heires, And they by Deed inrolled in the ſame month conveyed to Anthony Burchier and his heires, And hee againe the ſame month to Thomas ffranſom and his heires, with other lands ; who ſcattered thoſe poſſeſſions into many hands, And amongſt others, by his Deed dated 26 . ffebr. 4. E. 6. aliened the chantry houſe and Chaple, with the ground adioyninge to John Goodrugge and Agnes his wife, and his heires, whoſe ſonne Thomas aliened the ſame to Thomas Gibbens and his heires, who by his will dated 24 . Aprill : A^{o} 18. Jacobi, (inter alia,) deviſed the ſame to John his ſecond ſonne and his heires, who by his Deed dated 23 . Octobr . Anno 3° Caroli, ſold the ſame to ffortune Came widowe and her heires, By whoſe death in 14to regis Caroli, the ſame diſcended to Thomas Came her ſonne and heire, As an office found the ſame yeare after her death ſheweth ; Holden (as the reſt of thoſe poſſeſſions of the kinge as of his manor of Wakefeild in the county of Yorke, in free ſoccage, by fealty only and not in Capite, for all ſervices. |

34 Faires in Newport

The ſecond of December, kinge Edward the third in the xxjth yeare of his raigne, granted to Thomas lord Berkeley (the third lord of that name) and his heires, To have two faires yearly to bee holden in his towne of Newport, the one on the vigill, day, and morrow of the tranſlacon of St Thomas Becket, which is alſo the day of St Marcialis, vſually the vijth day of July : And the other on the vigill, day, and morrow of St Maurice, which is alſo St Mathewes day, vſually the xxjth day of September ; with all liberties to ſuch faires appertaininge, which later is a iuſt weeke after the faire at Wotton. The choice of which two Saints daies may ſeeme to bee in an honorable memoriall of his owne name, and of the lord Maurice his eldeſt ſonne, who ſucceeded him : And of the Chantries hee had there a little before founded to the honor of St Maurice : ffor which ffaires, ſee the Charter roll

roll in the tower of London, 22. E. 3. membr. 11. And the Record in banco Cĕi, in Hillary terme. 1. H. 4. Rot. 187. Glouc̃.

Scatteringly in every of the hamblets within this manor or Tithinge of Alkington, hath much Marle been anciently digged, of divers colours and temperatures, for the compoſtinge and inritchinge both of arrable and paſture ground; the frequent vſe wherof in 7 or 8 places of remarkeable note and greatnes, now called Marle pitts and Marle pooles, continued till the times of H. 6. and E. 4. who almoſt, in their contentions about the Crowne, deſolated and laid waſt a great part of this pariſh of Berkeley; As alſo did the contentions in the ſame times, betweene the heires generall and the heires male of the family of the lord Berkeley, vnhappily meetinge togeather in the ſame age, (wherof read more in the Deſcription of Berkeley towne,) ſince which time, that huſbandry, neither in this nor other manors round about, hath byn recontinued, to the great hindrance of the huſbandman.

Marle

Sandridge.

And in Sandridge, a parcell of the great chace or wood called Michaelwood, was one called Wylotts marlepitt, Out of which Thomas lord Berkeley the ſecond of that name, in the time of kinge Edward the firſt, and in the 2, 8, 10, and other yeares of kinge Edward the ſecond, ſold and granted great quantities of marle to ſuch donees as hee gave lands vnto in tayle, and enfeoffed in fee ſimple, (wherof I have written elſewhere in the life of that lord,) for amendment of ſuch their lands ſoe conveyed, both for betteringe the graſſe, and breedinge of corne; As the Deeds and Reeves accompts of thoſe times doe witnes: The like hee and other lords his anceſtors and ſucceſſors did alſo in this and other their Manors in this hundred, As by like teſtimony in Berkeley Caſtle appeareth: And to ſpeake in this place of this title of Marle all I doe intend in this deſcription, (to which I ſhall after referre what properly in other Manors was to have byn written,) when that lord Thomas in the time of kinge Edward the firſt aliened a marle pitt in his manor of Cowley, nowe called the Marle poole, to one William Hathermare and his heires, hee reſerved
35 ſuch a quantity of Marle to bee therout digged, (though hee had | others in the ſame manor,) as ſhould yearly ſuffice for his owne demeſne lands.

And however many men of leſſe iudgement may thinke otherwiſe, yet the wiſeſt ſort of men and beſt naturaliſts are perſwaded, that there ſcarce is a manor in England, either ſubſiſtinge wholly of barren grounds, or in part, (which is the condicc̃on of this hundred,) but hath in it a Marle as they terme it: That is, a fatt earth as I terme it: bee it of what kinde or colour ſoever; bee it Chalke, ſand, clay, turfe, ſtone, or otherwiſe, either to bee burned or vnburned; which will helpe

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and inritch the ground, as much or more then dunge, to be digged out of its proper bed and ground, at one fadome, 2. 3. 4. or 5. or perhaps fomwhat deeper in the wombe of the earth; fome of which by the revolucõn of time have in fome places byn turned to lyme or lymeftone; And againe this lyme in fome places is growne to a finer mould, even to chalke, which is the perfection of all marle: And where none of theis as yet feeme to appeare or abound, (nature havinge not as yet wrought her felfe to her fulnes,) I would advife that the ingenious landed man would with an augur borer or percinge worme, (as once my felfe did in the village wherin I live,) fearch in the deepeft part of his earth where the fame lyeth hid, for moft men are perfwaded, and I with them, that fhallow or deepe, hee may finde marle vpon his land: If it bee vnctious and clammy then it is fat and ritch: And as marles are of fundry colors, fo different likewife in their goodnes: Of colours, fome marles are red, fome yealowe, fome gray, fome blewe; All which (of what colour foever) are good, if they bee oily and flippery as fope, and mixed with earth; as alfo weake, if it bee incorporated with gravell, ftone, or fand: The red marle generally is the worft, vnles it lye neere vnto the blewe; for the beft I fuppofe that is in this hundred is the blewe for operacõn; which, when the hufbandman hath met withall, as vndoubtedly hee may if the fault bee not in himfelfe, let him glory that hee hath mett with a treafure, able to fupply his owne and countries neceffities: And let God have the honor by his acknowledgement.

But let him take this as a Caveat, that at the firft marlinge of his ground that hee plowe not with broad or deepe furrowes, but narrowe, leaft hee throwe his marle into the dead mould; ffor the nature of marle is, as the wifeft have obferved and written, to fend all its goodnes downwards, and for that caufe muft not bee buried too deepe, but ftill kept aloft vpon the vpper mould: And in this it differeth much from dunge or mucke, which fpend their vertue vpwards and will afcend by their mifty vapour fpringinge vp to the face on the ground, though they bee buried deeper then they ought to have beene. ffor the hartninge of out-worne grounds I have obferved other remedies, wherof my felfe have made fome vfe, not without profit, as one of you knoweth; As with the foyle of old ditches, and with fand; | and by transferringe and temperinge frefh earth brought from lay grounds with my 36
overfpent mould, as I have heard they vfe in Devonfhire; And to add tough clay to the tender fandy ground; for the one is life and fprightfull to the other, beinge foe incorporated, fpecially moift with the dry.

One of you, then my fervant, may remember that finkinge of a broad well in the bafe court where I dwell, not farre from my ftable doore, about the Tenth yeare of

of kinge James, That at fower fathom deepe or thereabouts, (havinge before paffed through a fmall blewifh rocke,) I drew vp a blew clay or marle, which beinge afterwards caft vpon a parcell of poore arrable land in the feild called Peckam, proved foe rich that my cropp for more then ten yeares after, without any helpe or additament, was more then treble in value and goodnes to any other part of that feild, foe farre as that blew marle was fpread.

Shortly after which I prcured divers colliers from Coventry city fide with their borers and other inftruments, to come to Nibley, who affayinge in that this and other villages adioyninge, found in divers places of each of them, at different depthes, fuch flimy oyly and vnctuous earthes, that I affured my felfe they would proove ritch marles: But for cole, (the principall obiect I then looked after,) I received noe comfort at all. Howbeit, fuch hath ever fince beene my conftrayned imployments and troubles of life, enforcinge my abfences from home moft parts of each yeare, That to this day 1639 I have not purfued the fame; which is foe knowne, that one of you lately verifyed in a pleafant manner thofe my abfences, by my plantinge of a cherry orchard a fewe yeares before I digged that well, (the trees wherof are now growne paft their ftrength and in decay,) and yet I have not byn any one yeare at home in the time of their ripenes to taft that fruit, to this day, as one of you obferved, and affirmed: To which hufbandry, of plantinge tillage and manuringe of the ground, as the only vocation wherein Innocency remaineth, I willingly would perfwade and encourage; bringinge alfo more pleafure quiet and reft in that cuntry life, by takinge the benefit of the ground, then any other, payinge alfo her creditor with foe profitable an vfury, when others in other callings in Cities and market townes, doe but feeke meanes and bufy themfelves how to deceive and beguile one another, as though it were the perfection of their tradinge.

Neither would I have any hufbandman ignorant, but that much good is to bee done and profitt rayfed in corne and graffe, by water frefh and falt: And by obfervinge alfo the difference of Earthes, in makinge the earth of one clofe or feild to fupply the defect of another, and fo interchangeably tempered to an excellent benefitt, wherof I have in a fmall quantity made a fufficient tryall; Theis and the like hufbandries, this tillage of the ground, I accompt the beft and moft harmleffe of all bodily exercifes, defpifed of none fave fooles; ever by the wifeft fort held the moft noble, as fuftayninge the life of all men: which hath drawne mee alonge, (from
37 the title of marle plentifully vfed of old, and ftill in this tithinge of | Alkington to bee found,) to this conclufion, with little or noe digreffion; Referringe my reader for

for more heerof to that which is aſwell, or better written in Mr. Markams bookes of huſbandry, wherto in this place, I was not willinge to bee beholdinge.

Bond ſervants or Villeins.

In this Manor or Tithinge alſo, and in all or moſt of this Hundred, the lords therof have had divers villeins or bondſervants imployed in the huſbandries therof vnder the overſight of the Reeve of the Manor, who was their principall huſbandman, vntill the time of our laſt civill warres betweene the houſes of Yorke and Lancaſter; Of whom I have ſeene many ſales and grants by divers Deeds, ſome of whom continued till the end of kinge Edward the fourth and beginninge of kinge Henry the vijth, when the laſt manumiſſion was by William lord Berkeley in this manor, that I have obſerved. And I conceive, (which alſo a learned writer hath lately publiſhed,) that the lawes concerninge Villenage are ſtill in force, of which the lateſt are the ſharpeſt; But nowe, ſaith hee, and that moſt truly in mine opinion, ſince ſlaves were made free which were of great vſe and ſervice, there are growne vp a rabble of Rogues cut purſes and the like miſcheivous men, ſlaves in nature though not in lawe: And if any thinke this kind of dominion not to bee lawfull, yet ſurely it is naturall: And certainly wee finde not ſuch a latitude of difference in any creature, as in the nature of man; wherin the wiſeſt excell the moſt fooliſh of men by farre greater degree then the moſt fooliſh of men doth ſurpaſſe the wiſeſt of beaſts; And therfore when comiſeracõn hath given way to reaſon, wee ſhall finde that nature is the ground of maſterly power, and of ſervile obedience which is therto correſpondent; and a man is animal politicum, apt even by nature to comaund or to obey every one in his proper degree; Take this alſo as a ſmall or noe digreſſion, wherof I intend to write noe more in any other Manor.

Fifteene, or Kingſilver

In payment of the ffifteene or Kingeſſilver, (when it runneth,) the Manor of Alkington is rated with Hineton; And the onus or charge of both in the kings Exchequer is 9li. 10s. 6d. The deduction is—3li. 3s. 4d. The Remanet which is paid into the exchequer is,—6li. 7s. 2d. of which this manor or Tithinge of Alkington paies, —3li. 3s. 7d. And that of Hineton, iuſt ſo much more; And heere note, for altogeather, throughout this wholl deſcription of this Hundred, That theis ffifteenthes and Tenthes at the firſt were only raiſed and levied vpon Corne, goods, and beaſts; But now in moſt places are raiſed vpon land: The cuntry people payinge the ffifteenth part, And the Inhabitants of Cities and Townes the Tenth part, of their goods, wherupon they are called Tenths and ffifteenthes, And that the deduction 38
of—3li. 3s. 4d. formerly mentioned, is part of Six thouſand pounds deducted for the decayes which the Civill warres had made in Citties and country villages, in moſt parts of the land, whereof ſee more before, pag: 5 And

Subſedy men. And at the ratinge of the Subſedy in A° 5to Regis Caroli were in this tithinge fourteene Subſedy men, which paid—4li. 17s. 4d.

Able men. And of able men for the warres, betweene 20. and 60. yeares old, were in 6to Rꝗ Jacobi, which appeared before Henry lord Berkeley then Lieutenant of the County at a generall Muſter.—106.

Soldiers. And now are of trayned Souldiers vnder Willm Thorpe Eſqꝶ, their Captaine —21, whereof 7. Corſletts, and 14. muſketts.

And if the wholl Deviſion of Berkeley, accompted a fourth part of the county, bee rated in any tax for the kinge or comon welth at—100li., This hundred of Berkeley paies thereof—33li. 3s., And this Manor or tithinge—15s., And ſo after that proportion bee the tax more or leſſe.

ffreeholds in the Tithinge of Alkington.

In this tithinge are many auncient freeholds, the ſeverall Inheritances of ſundry men, which with their tenures doe enſue; which to aſcertaine hath proved my longeſt labour, vizt.,

Purnells land als Dangervills. In the hamblet called Dangervills Wicke, aunciently written, de Angervill, and de Angervillis, Is an ancient meſſuage with divers lands therto belonginge, containinge about 52. acres, ſome parts wherof (as alſo the meſſuage it ſelfe,) are in Nybley, the inheritance of John Purnell, whoſe father Thomas Purnell in Eliz. purchaſed the ſame of Richard Warner and Willm his father, And hee in of Nicholas Snell Eſqꝶ; And were before the lands of John ſonne of Richard Dangervill, and before of Henry ſonne of Roger Dangervill, lyinge for moſt parts by Clay pitts greene; and are holden of this Manor of Alkington by the ffiftieth part of a knights fee, ſute of court, and the yearly rent of—2s. 6d., which Thomas lord Berkeley the ſecond of that name by his Deed in the Eighth yeare of kinge Edward the ſecond gave to Nicholas Dangervill and the heires of his body, reſervinge the ſaid rent and ſervices. ffrom the ſirname of which family of the Dangervills, this place lyinge in Wike, hath taken it's name.

ffor ſomwhat more of this land ſee the will of the ſaid Thomas Purnell in 22. Jac: 1620. And the office found after his death ſhortly after, Anno ꝑd. Co: roll of Alk. 36. H. 8. Joſies Dangervill obijt. Rent 2s. 6d. Walter eſt fil et heres |

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In this tithinge is an ancient meſſuage and divers lands therto belonginge containinge 60. acres, anciently reputed one yard land, comonly called Motuns land, wherof Robert lord Berkeley in the time of kinge Richard the firſt by Deed enfeoffed Adam Motun in fee: And after in the time of kinge Henry the third, the land of Walter Motun, And in the time of kinge Edward the firſt, of Geffry Motun, And after of Sundry others of the ſame ſirname, from whoſe ſeizin the name of **Motuns land** is faſtned vpon it to this day, 1639. 39 Motuns land, nowe Curnocks, Popes, and Smythes.

At length it diſcended vpon fower daughters, wherof one called Ellen, who died in 22. H. 7. was maryed to Thomas Curnocke, who had iſſue betweene them Thomas, who dyed 16. H. 8, leavinge iſſue Nicholas Curnocke, who dyed Eliz. levinge iſſue William yet livinge 1639, aged, 87, who ſtill holds the ſame; Which Willm Curnocke alſo in 39. Eliz. by fyne purchaſed one other fourth part therof of Walter May, ſonne of Robert, who dyed 23. Eliz. before his father Walter May, who dyed 27. Eliz. ſonne of Thomas May who dyed H. 8. ſonne of Edmond May and of Jone his wife, one other of the aforeſaid 4. daughters and coheires; And the ſaid Thomas May ſonne of Edmond in 8. H. 8. ſold his ſaid fourth part to Thomas Heſkins, which afterwards hee again repurchaſed. And the other halfe of the ſaid yard land, is now the inheritance of Thomas Pope, which hee in Caroli, purchaſed of William Trotman of Buckover, ſonne and heire of Thomas Trotman of Durſley, who dyed in 4.to Jacobi, havinge before in 29. Eliz. repurchaſed the ſame of one other Thomas Curnocke (ſonne of Robert, ſonne of Thomas Curnocke) which Thomas Curnocke alſo, in 40. Eliz. purchaſed 2. acres in Achinton parcell of this moity of Anthony Huntley, who purchaſed the ſame of the ſaid Thomas Curnocke, ſonne of Robert; And three other acres of land in Achinton, and halfe an acre in Wickam meadowe, parcell alſo of this halfe yard land, was by Thomas Pegler purchaſed in 29. Eliz. of the ſaid Thomas Curnocke, which now is the inheritance of John Smith ſonne of John Smith of Heathfeild, who purchaſed the ſame of Richard Pegler ſonne and heire of the ſaid Thomas. Which whole yard land is holden of George lord Berkeley as of his Manor of Alkington, by knight ſervice, ſuite of court, and the yearly rent of xxiiij.s wherof the ſaid William Curnocke paies—xij.s and Thomas Pope other xij.s

Heere alſo in the Hamblet called Goldeſwike, and in other places in this Manor not farre from Clay pits greene, are divers lands and tenements containinge about acres, anciently, called Withes lands, denominated from the ſomtimes owners therof: wherof John With, written John le vith, lived in the beginninge of kinge Edward Withes lands, now Curnocks; and

40 Edward the third, And was a feoffee in | truſt to Thomas lord Berkeley the third of that name, in thoſe conveyances wherby hee entailed this and his other manors in this hundred, with his Barony, to the heires males, in the xxiijth of that kinge: In the end of whoſe raigne lived James With: After whom, Thomas With of Thornbury in the time of kinge Henry the Sixt: who was father of John With, father of Richard, father of Thomas With, (written alſo Wight,) who left iſſue Cicely, married to Wiłłm Lauerence,) ſomtime Steward of this and divers other Manors to Henry lord Berkeley, A place hee held till the xixth of Qu: Eliz: when hee died:) who by his ſaid wife, (an inheritrix of divers faire lands in that pariſh of Thornbury,) left iſſue James Laverence, who by fyne and other conveyances in 27. Eliz. ſold the ſame to William Curnocke of Nybley, who yet lives and holds the ſame, 1639. And are holden by ſuite of Court to this Manor, and by the yearly rent of—xij^{s} ffor which lands fee the Records of Triñ terme in the xxixth of Queene Eliz: with the Remembrancer to the lord Treſorer, in the Exchequer, Rot: diſcharginge them from a tenure of the kinge.

Cromes lands now Halls.

Heere alſo in the hamblet of Wodford, (ſoe called from the fourd or paſſage over the water by the wood called Michaelwood,) are divers lands containinge about nyne acres, vſually called Cromes lands, now the inheritance of William Hall iuñ, in minority, ſonne of Wiłłm Hall, ſonne of Edward, brother of William Hall thelder, lately deceaſed; which Wiłłm Hall thelder purchaſed of Richard Crome, ſonne of Thomas Crome who died 39. Eliz: ſonne of Richard Crome, who purchaſed the ſame of Robert Harrold, ſonne of John Harrold, who died 3. Eliz. who purchaſed the ſame of John Heyward, who had them from the heires of Toyte, And to Walter Toyte and Johan his wife, and the heires of their bodies, did Thomas lord Berkeley the ſecond of that name, by two Deeds, the one in the eleaventh the other in the 14th of kinge Edward the ſecond, give the ſame; Reſervinge the yearly rent of—viij^{s} vj^{d} and ſix capons, which are paid at this day, or xviij^{d} in money in lieu of the capons, And a tenure by knights ſervice: and though the ſaid rents were the full value of the ſaid 9. acres at the time of the ſaid guiſt in taile, yet the owners pay—13^{s} 4^{d} more, as a rent ſecke[1] to Chriſtopher Purnell ſecond ſonne of Thomas; ffor which ſute in the court of Wards of late was in the minority of John Purnell elder brother of the ſaid Chriſtopher, againſt the ſaid Wiłłm Hall th'elder, which ſet the ſaid rent aſoote.

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[1] Rent ſect, or dry rent, is where a man by deed paſſeth his Eſtate to another and reſerves to himſelf and his heirs. [Ed.]

Co : roll of Alk. 30 . H. 8, John Toite died feized of divers lands. Releefe for doble rent,—18s. 6d. And Alice Toite the daughter of Walter Toite brother of the faid John his heire. |

Also in the faid hamblet of Woodford are divers lands and tenemts containinge about 23 . acres called Davis lands, now the inheritance of Thomas Came, holden by knight fervice, fute of court, to the manor of Alkington, and the yearly rents of —17s. and of 12d., which Arthur Cam father of the faid Thomas and ffortune his wife, by Deed and other Conveyances in 5to Jacobi Regis, (as the Court roll of Alkington of that yeare fheweth,) purchafed to them and their heires (perticulerly named and bounded in the Deed,) of Edward Davis, fonne of Thomas Davis, brother of John Davis, fonnes of John Davis thelder, who died in 27 . H. 8 . as by an Office after his death, and by his Will therein found, appeareth : And as by another office after the death of the faid ffortune Came in 14 . Rℓ Caroli, which derive the title and tenure as above ; As alfo the death of Arthur Came, and the furvivinge of his wife: Togeather with the perticuler names of the clofes and lands. 41 Davis land, now Cames

The faid Thomas Came holds alfo to him and his heires, one Meffuage and nyne acres of land in Nuport aforefaid, which hee in Rℓ Caroli, purchafed of John Atkins a yonger fonne of Robert Atkins, who in the vijth of kinge James purchafed the fame of mee John Smyth, and I the fame of James Laverence in the 40th of Qu : Eliz : who was fonne of Willm Laverence, who died in 19th Eliz., fonne of Richard Laverence, who purchafed the fame of John Dofie, fonne of Robert Dofie ; And were before the lands of Richard Allien, And before of Roger Mortimer, And before of Walter le gripp, and of Alice his wife, daughter of Maud, daughter and heire of Roger Nattocke, who lived in the time of kinge Henry the third ; And are holden of George now lord Berkeley as of his Manor of Canonbury, by knight fervice, fuit of Court to that Manor, by heryot fervice, And the yearly rent of—4s. to that manor of Canonbury, and 12d. to this manor of Alkington ; Of theis lands (as the Court roll in 18 . R. 2 . fheweth,) Ifable Dofy dyed feized, held by knight fervice, And—4s. 8d. rent to this manor of Canonbury, and paid an heriott, And 3s. 4d. for a Releefe, whofe fonne and heire was Willm Dofye then 30 . yeares old. Of which Canonbury, and the lord Henry Berkeleis purchafe thereof, fee after in fol : 145. Cams land, late Atkins, olim Dofies

In Dangervils Wike aforefaid, at Clay pits greene, vpon kite hill, are certaine clofes of pafture ground called Cutcrofts, now the inheritance of Willm Cole gent, and Cutcrofts, late Taylors land, now Coles.

and late of Robert Evans als Taylor, who about 36. Eliz. purchased the same of Mathew Legg, sonne of John Legg and Jone his wife daughter and heire of Dollinge als Jobbins, whose Ancestor Richard Dollinge in the ffifteenth yeare of kinge Edward the second purchased the same of John of ffroucester, sonne of Thomas of Cowley and of Margaret de Hagely his wife; And are holden of this manor of Alkington by knight service, sute of court, and the yearly rent of—ij^{d} ffor which fee the court roll of Alkington . 37. Eliz. |

42 q: Coles land late Dangervills.

And this William Cole aforesaid holdeth also by knight service, sute of court and the yearly rent of—ob., three acres of land in Clayfeild within this manor of Alkington, late Thomas Coles of Bristoll, somtimes the land of John Parsons, and before of Merricke, And before of David Dangervill, and of Isable his wife; To whom and the heires of their bodies, Thomas lord Berkeley the second of that name in E. gave the same.

Coles land, late Hoopers.

In Wike aforesaid, within this Tithinge of Alkington, is an ancient messuage with 12 acres of land by estimacõn therto belonginge, comonly called and knowne by the name of Hoopers, now the inheritance of Richard Cole gent, sonne of Thomas Cole, late the land of Arthur Cam of Wike, and by him in the 44th yeare of Qu: Eliz: purchased of Richard Crome sonne of Richard and of Jone his wife daughter of John Doosy, who vpon maryage of the said Jone in 21. Eliz. as her maryage portion conveyed the same to her in fee; which by an ancestor of his of the same name of John Doosy was in 37. H. 6. purchased of John Hooper sonne of Hooper.

And are holden of George lord Berkeley as of his Manor of Canonbury by knight service, sute of Court, to that Manor, and the yearly rent of—3^{s} 4^{d} And by heriot service. Out of which also ij^{d} is yearly paid to this manor of Alkington.

And because the familyes of the firname of Cole held in this and other tithings in this hundred divers faire possessions, take heere their pedegree, which I conceive to bee true.

William Cole lived at Avonscourt within this tithinge of Alkington in the time of kinge Henry the sixt: And had issue Thomas Cole who there also lived, and left issue Maurice Cole: which Maurice had issue three sonnes, vizt 1 Edmond, 2 John, and 3 Thomas, which Thomas dyed without issue. The said Edmund had issue Thomas and Maurice.

Thomas

Thomas had iſſue Richard, who had iſſue ffortune maryed to Wiłłm Knight of fframpton vpon Severne. And of the ſaid Maurice brother of the ſaid Thomas are divers iſſues.

John Cole ſecond brother of Edmond had iſſue Thomas, and Richard Cole; which Thomas Dyed 1607. A°. 5. Jacobi, levinge iſſue Wiłłm Cole of Briſtoll, and ffortune married to Arthur Came late of Wike, who have iſſue Thomas Came, and others.

And the ſaid Wiłłm had iſſue Richard, Thomas, Wiłłm, and Joſeph, and two daughters.

The ſaid Richard Cole brother of Thomas ſonnes of John, died in 41. Eliz. without iſſue. q: if any. |

43 Trotmans land late Curnocks. olim Doſies.

In Wike in this Tithinge of Alkington, neere to Nuport, is an ancient Meſſuage with divers lands therto belonginge of old eſteemed halfe a yard land, now the inheritance of Thomas Trotman, ſonne of Wiłłm Trotman of Buckover in the pariſh of Thornbury; And of Thomas Pope of Stinchcombe, and others. Which by Thomas Trotman of Durſley father of the ſaid Wiłłm, were in Anno purchaſed of Thomas Curnocke, of old written Crannoc, ſonne of Thomas, ſonne of Curnocke: And were before the lands of John Dooſy, And are holden of George lord Berkeley as of his Manor of Canonbury, by ſute of Court, And by the yearly rent of 13ˢ. 4ᵈ. wherof Thomas Pope for acres therof, which hee lately purchaſed of the ſaid William Trotman, is apportioned to pay—
And Simon Munday ałs Munden for 7. yeares [ſic? acres] therof incloſed called Pennings purchaſed of Trotman paieth . And Samuell Belcher holdeth aclofe called Charlecroft with an houſe theron built, containinge 3 acres: And 2 acres of paſture in a cloſe called Howcroft by Bolgrove in 2. pcells, And two other pcells in the ſame cloſe containinge halfe an acre; which hee by Deed dated 1. Novembr̃. A°. 15. Rę Caroli purchaſed of William Curnocke the elder: And is apportioned to pay—

Beales lands late Bridges olim Heſkins.

Also in the foreſaid hamblet of Woodford is an ancient meſſuage and 14. acres of land called Heſkens, the inheritance of William Beale of Nibley, which hee purchaſed of Richard Bridges late of Combe, ſomtime the lands of John Smyth ałs Barnſdall, who died in , and before of James Smyth ałs Barnſdall father of the

the ſaid John, who died 1º Eliz. ſonne of , holden of this manor of Alkington by ſute of Court, and the yearly rent of—xˢ viijᵈ.

Hoſpitall of Bedminſtre lands. late Nevills.

Also in the hamblet of Wike and in other places within this tithinge of Alkington, and in Wanſwell, are certaine lands and tenements late parcell of the poſſeſſions of the hoſpitall of Sᵗ Katherine in Bedminſtre by Briſtoll, founded by Robert lord Berkeley the ſecond of that name in the beginninge of the raigne of kinge Henry the third, as in his life I have elſwhere written. To which lands, ſuppoſed to bee concealed, Queene Elizabeth was entitled by Inquiſicõn, and granted the ſame away in fee: which afterwards by attainder againe returned to her: who againe firſt granted the ſame to hold of her by knights ſervice in Capite; And after againe To hold in comõn Soccage: Theis lands whereof I heere write, (wherof John Knight of Wike holds 25 acres in Wike for his life, And Thomas Hody of Briſtoll 100. acres in Wanſwell in fee,) came to Thomas Sackvile created lord Buckhurſt and after Earle of Dorſet, and his Co-ſeoffees, who aliened a great part of the poſſeſſions of that hoſpitall, And after conveyed the reſidue to ffrancis
44 Nevill Eſqᵣ, who by his further ſales | hath much alſo diſperſed the ſame: And theis are now the inheritance of the ſaid Thomas Hody, cozen and heire of Thomas Hody, who purchaſed the ſame of the ſaid ffrancis Nevill as aforeſaid.

Maurice lord Berkeley the firſt of that name, in the time of kinge Henry the ſecond, gave to the Abbot of Sᵗ Auguſtines by Briſtoll (inter alia) one yard land in Alcrinton, (ſoe written,) which was afterwards confirmed to the Monaſtery by the lord Thomas his ſonne, about the 4ᵗʰ of H. 3. which confirmacõn ſee after fol: [64.] This continued with the Monaſtery till the diſſoluõn therof in 31. H. 8, And was after, in , granted in fee to

ffreames lands.

In this Manor alſo are divers lands neere the place called Claypitts greene, the inheritance of Thomas ffreame of Lipiatt, wherof read more in the deſcripõn of Halmer. fol: 220.

Thorps lands.

Heere alſo are divers lands and tenements late the inheritance of George Thorpe Eſqᵣ, And were of late in the vnderholdinge of John Windowe, and are nowe the ſeverall inheritances of George Haynes of Rockhampton, Thomas Tindall now the kings Ward, for three acres of land in Achinton, and of John Smyth of Heathfeild for , all late parcell of Wanefwell Court. wherof read more in Hame and Wanefwell fol: 209. et 367. 368.

Heere

Heere alſo in Woodford and Swanley Thomas Came of Newport holdeth one cloſe called Kingcraft and three acres in little Ryam, which ffortune Came his mother, (whoſe heire hee is,) by Deed dated 10 Octobr̃. 14. Jac̃, Rę purchaſed of James Baily, who lately before (inter alia) purchaſed the ſame of Edmond Pyke, And hee theis and others in Stone and other places, of John Ady the younger, ſonne of John, who had the ſame of , And were part of Stone Chantry, wherof read in fol : 356. Chantry lands in Woodford and Swanley.

Matford, A ſpacious plaine and fertile meadowe of an 100 acres or more, the trayninge place of the diſciplined or trayned ſoldiers of the Villages therabouts, within the tithinge of Alkington : The inhabitants wherin pretend their ill cuſtome, viz: hand over head, pell mell, on Lammas day, to thruſt in all manner of their Cattell, whether they have any ground therin or not ; wherby the herbage to the ſmall benefit of any one is in one weeke or ſooner eaten vp and conſumed ; The breakinge day wherof of ancient vſage as they ſay, is Lammas day the firſt of Auguſt. | Matford mead.

Michaelwood als Muclewood : Is a vaſt wood neere 1000 acres, of old much more ; A meere ſolitude vninhabited and vncultivated place it was, as alſo were the parts of this Cuntrey next adioyning ; But from the time of kinge R. 1. induſtry and incloſings of many pcells therof on every ſide havinge ſoe prevailed in each age ſince, As at this day through the huſbandries ſtockings grubbings and other cultivatinges therof, and ſoe repleniſhed with houſes and people round about the ſkirts and in the body therof, as it may probably bee defended, That there is noe weald, woody part or michaelwood at all : Which I had rather vndertake to doe, then certainly to pronounce, either when of old it began, or when it made an end. | 45 Michaelwood

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Ailberton als Aylberton.

See Elberton . fol : 182.

Almondesbury. 47

Almondesbury : In Domeſday booke written Almodeſberie, Id eſt Almodes Court or the place of Aſſembly ; A manor wherof Thomas Cheſter Eſq̃ is lord, holden

holden by knight ſervice in Capite, vizt, the ffortieth part of a knights fee; The demeſnes wherof as that booke ſheweth conſiſted in the time of Willm the Conqueror of two hides of land.

This Townſhip or Manor was amongſt divers others given by kinge Henry the ſecond in the firſt yeare of his raigne to Robert the ſonne of Hardinge and his heires, vnder the grant of Berkelai et totam Berkelai herneſſe manerium, cum omnibus appendicijs ſuis: Howbeit that Robert had the ſame by a former grant from the ſaid kinge Henry in the time of kinge Stephen, when the ſaid Henry was but Duke of Normandy.

Vpon Eaſter day then the xj^th of Aprill in the xiij^th yeare of the raigne of kinge Stephen, in the yeare of our lord 1148, the ſower Biſhops of Worceſter, Exceter, Landaffe, and S^t Aſaph, conſecrated the Church and buildings which the ſaid Robert had built neere to the Towne of Briſtoll, dedicatinge them to God and to St Auguſtine the Engliſh Apoſtle; then newly by the ſaid Robert built vpon his manor of Bileſwike, at the place ſince called St Auguſtines greene, and then inductinge the Abbot and Cannons; And (amongſt other poſſeſſions,) then endowed that Church and Monaſtery by his Deed, which hee laid downe vpon the Aulter there, with this manor of Almondeſbury, the manor of Horſeild, the manor of Aſhelworth, the manor of Cromall, (ſince called Cromall Abbotts,) and with divers lands and tenements in Arlingham, with halfe of his fiſhings there, and the Tyth of the other halfe, with the Churches and Advowſons of Berkeley, of Wotton, of Cromall, of Beverſton, of Aſhelworth, and of this Almondeſbury, and of all other his Churches and advowſons of Berkeley herneſſe, with all their Chaples and lands in the county of Glouc̃, To hold in ffrankalmoigne; And wills in his ſaid deed that the ſame vpon his bleſſinge ſhould quietly bee enioyed; wherof ſee a confirmac̃on fol: 64.

The firſt Abbot now ſtalled vpon the foundac̃on was **Richard**, who dyed 4 Septembr̃. 1186.

John was the ſecond Abbot, who dyed 12. ffebr̃. 1215.

Joſeph was the third Abbott, who lived but 31. weekes after his elec̃on; And becauſe hee dyed 17 Sept̃. 1216 before his inſtalment, is not reckoned as one of the Abbotts in ſome old collections.

David was the fourth Abbot, who reſigned and after dyed 5. Julij 1253.

William

William de Bradston was the 5th Abbot, elected the 21th of May 1234, vpon his predeceſſors reſignacõn; who alſo reſigned the 10th of Auguſt 1242. And after dyed the 20th of May. 1252.|

William Longe was the ſixt Abbot, elected vpon the reſignacõn of Bradſton, 48
and dyed 17. Maij. 1264.

Richard of Walmesbury was the ſeaventh Abbott, who dyed the 13th of September 1276.

John de Marina was the 8th Abbot, who dyed the 21th of ffebr̃: 1286.

Hugh de Dodington was the 9th Abbot, who died the 26th of November, 1294.

James Barry was the 10th Abbot, who died the xijth of Novembr: 1306.

Edmond de Knoll was the 11th Abbot, who of new builded the Church and Veſtiary from the foundacõn; Hee procured from the Crowne a Confirmacõn of all the poſſeſſions belonginge to the Monaſtery, As by the Charter Rolls, 18. E. 1. membr. 69. And 6. E. 2. membr. 7. And 10. E. 2. ps. 2. membr. 29. in the tower of London appeareth; And dyed 9o Junij. 1332.

John Snowe was the 12th Abbot, who dyed 12. Julij. 1341.

Raph Ashe was the 13th Abbot, who dyed 1. m̃cij. 1353.

William was the 14th Abbot, who reſigned 1. Octobr̃. 1365, And dyed 8. Apr̃: 1366. In whoſe time it was found by Inquiſicõn what lands the Monaſtery was ſeized of; As by Eſcaet̃. 45. E. 3. numero. 72. in the Tower of London appeareth.

Henry Shalingford als Bleburry was the 15th Abbot, who dyed 2. Decembr̃. 1388.

John Cerney was the 16th Abbot, who dyed 5. Octobr̃. 1393.

John Daubeny was the 17th Abbot, who dyed 16. Januar̃. 1428.

Walter Newbury was the 18th Abbot, who was fraudulently depoſed for 5. yeares ſpace, and then reſtored: And afterwards new built the Manor houſe of the Lop of Almondeſbury; And dyed 3. Sept̃. 1463.

Thomas

Thomas Sutton was the 19th Abbot, (if to bee numbred in this Catalogue,) A man noted ſubtilly to have vſurped for five years, and then caſt out vpon the reſtoringe of Newbery; noted alſo to have waſted the goods of the Monaſtery; ffor which and other his miſdeeds noe memoriall of his death time or place of buriall was preſerved.

William Hunt was the 20th Abbot, who died 14. mcij. 1481.

John Newland was the 21th Abbot, elect the 6th of Aprill 1481, Ruled his Monaſtery 38 yeares and two months, And died 2. Junij 1515. A°. 7. H. 8. This is that Abbot that made that remarkeable collection and pedegree of his founders, drawinge downe the ſame from William the Conquerors daies to the 5th yeare of kinge H. 7. where hee ended; more then 20. times by mee vouched in all the three volumes of my **Berkeleian** hiſtory. |

49 was the 22th Abbot, who dyed in the yeare of kinge Henry the viijth.

Burton was the 23th Abbot, who made the leaſe of the Tithes of Hinton and Oldminſter barne to Anne lady Berkeley widowe, mother to Henry late lord Berkeley; About which that great and tedious ſuite was moved by Sir Thomas Throkmerton, who in the end carried it againſt the ſaid lord Henry, wherof I have at large written in the life of that lord vnder the title of his Lawe ſuits; And died 1536, the ſame yeare after hee had made the ſaid leaſe, Anno. 28. H. 8. [fo. 765.]

Morgan Gwillm was the 24th and laſt Abbot, In whoſe time, after hee had ruled three yeares, the Monaſtery in 31. H. 8. was diſſolved, And this Manor by that Act of Parliament given to that kinge; who 15. Apr̃. in the 36th yeare of his raigne granted the ſame in fee to Myles Partridge, And from him to Arthur Darcy, and from him and his brothers vnto Thomas Cheſter Eſquire, father of William, father of the ſaid Thomas Cheſter, an eminent gent̃ of much remarkeablenes in this hundred: who therin hath a parke well ſtored with fallow deere, And in the ſame a neate and well compacted lodge the ſeate of the owner; who beautifieth it and it him, ſince the death of his father in 4. Jac:

This Manor as it were by an equall poize pertaketh with hill and dale; vpon which hilly part hath lead in good plenty byn digged, To which the faire Caſtle of Berkeley for part of her coveringe doth acknowledge her ſelfe beholdinge.

The

The wholl parish is within the Diocesse of the Bishop of Bristoll, and not of Glouc̃; As also of that Deanary. The Church wherof I take to bee a mother Church, honored with her two Chappells of ffilton and Elberton.

Kinge Edward the first, the second of January in the 13th yeare of his raigne, then at Bristoll (as by Rot. Cart̃. in 18. E. 1. in arce London appeareth,) granted to the forefaid John de Marina then Abbot of the Monastery of St. Augustines by Bristoll, and to the Covent there, to have free warren in all their demesne land within this manor of Almondesbury, And in their manors of Horfeild and Cromall in the County of Glouc̃: And the 8th of May followinge in the same yeare of his raigne, granted to the said Abbot and Covent to have a market each Wednesday, and a faire each whitsonmunday, to endure for six daies, in this their manor of Almondesbury. Which grant was by king Edward the fourth the first of ffebr̃: in the 12th of his raigne recited and confirmed to Walter Hunt aforesaid the Abbot, as by the Patent roll of that yeare ps. 2. membr. 16. appeares.

In payment of the ffifteene or Kingsilver (when it is granted by parliament,) this manor of Almondesbury paieth for a wholl—3li. 2s. Fifteene or Kingsilver.

And at the ratinge of the last Subsedy in the 5th of kinge Charles, were in this Tithinge eight subsedy men, who (besides the lord therof) paid—56s. | Subsedy men.

And of able men for the warres, betweene 20. and 60. yeares old, were in the sixth of kinge James which appeared before Henry lord Berkeley then Leiutenant of this county at a generall muster,—27. 50 Able men.

And now are of trayned soldiers vnder Thomas Chester Esq. their Captaine . wherof Corslets, and muskets. Souldiers.

And if the whole Division of Berkeley accompted a fourth part of the county, bee rated in any taxe, for the kinge or comonwealth at—100li. This hundred of Berkeley paies therof 33li. 3s. And this manor or Tithinge—20s. And so after that proportion, bee the tax more or lesse. Rates.

In this parish was an ancient and remarkeable Chantry, obvious in many records in the kings courts, called Brokenbury chantry, dedicated to the service of the blessed Virgin Mary, variously tumbled and tossed in divers ages; which blessed virgin Brokenbury chantry.

virgin by the Charter roll in the Tower of London in 5. H. 5. ſeemes to bee the tutelary ſaint and protectrix of this pariſh church of Almondſbury alſo, wherin this Chantry was founded.

By an Inquiſicon vpon an Ad quod damnum in the Tower of London in the Nynth yeare of kinge Henry the ffifth, it is found that William Turner and Alice his wife had byn ſeazed time out of minde of the manor of Brokenborrowe, (ſoe called, as indeed it anciently was,) vntill Henry Croke with violence eiected them.

In the 13. of H. 6. James lord Berkeley, (amongſt other lands,) conveied the moity of the ſaid manor of Brokenburgh with the alternate courſe of preſentinge to the Chantry of our lady in Almondeſbury to Thomas Berkeley his youngeſt ſonne, and to the heires of his body with divers Remainders over.

Afterwards the ſame part came to Maurice lord Berkeley the ſixt Baron of that name, who in 15. H. 8. dyed ſeized of the 4th part of the Manor of Brokenburrowe with the Advowſon of the ſaid Chantry; which diſcended to the lord Thomas his brother and heire, and from him to the lord Thomas his ſonne and heire, And from him to Henry lord Berkeley his ſonne and heire, who in the ſixth yeare of Queene Elizabeth for 200li. ſold to John Holliſter, Thomas Harper, and Margarett Wade of ffilton in the pariſh of Almeſbury, and their heires, All thoſe his Meſſuages lands and Tenements in the hambletts or pariſhes of Brokenburrow and Almeſbury accompted a fourth part of that manor: And covenants them to bee worth 4li. p Anū.

By Inquiſicon in 4. H. 8, Thomas Ive is found to dye ſeazed of the Manor of Brokenborow within the pariſh of Almondſbury, which diſcended to Richard his ſonne and heire, then 22. yrs. old.

How when and by whom the church of Almondeſbury was firſt given to the ſaid monaſtery of St. Auguſtines, and after appropriated for the feedinge of the Abbot and monks there, by the Biſhop of Worceſter, in whoſe Dioceſe the ſame then and
51 till 34. H. 8., was; See after in | Berkeley fol:

By Inquiſicon in ao. 5. Rꝰ Jacobi, William Cheſter Eſquire is found to dye ſeized of the Manor of Almondeſbury, holden of the kinge in Capite by the 40th part of a knights fee, And that Thomas Cheſter then within age was his ſonne and heire yeares old.

Which

Which Manor by the ffeodaries ſurvey in the Court of Wards the ſame yeare, is found to extend into the Townſhips of Almondſbury, Hempton, Patchway, and Compton. |

Apleridge. 52

Apleridge, als Appulrugge, comonly knowne by the name of the ffarme of Apleridge, Is at this day reputed parcell of the Manor of Hame within the pariſh of Berkeley, the inheritance of George lord Berkeley, holden by knight ſervice in Capite. A great part of this ffarme, (ſomtime called the Manor of Apleridge,) hath ſince the time of kinge Edward the ſecond byn incloſed within the parke called Newparke; And the reſidue lyeth betweene that parke and the Village of Stone.

This parcell of ground I conceive to have byn parcell of the manor of Berkeley, and granted by kinge Henry the ſecond to the lord Robert and his heires, as parcell therof; Who not longe after aliened the ſame in fee, which in the ſpace of 30 yeares or therabouts was repurchaſed by the lord Maurice ſonne of the ſaid Robert, in the later end alſo of the raigne of that kinge, for the ſaid Maurice dyed in the firſt yeare of kinge R. 1. And ſoe ever ſince hath gone alonge with the ſaid manor of Hame, and reputed, (as it may well bee ſaid to bee,) parcell of the manor of Hame at this day; Howbeit the Inquiſicon in 42. E. 3. found after the death of the lord Maurice Berkeley, diſtinguiſheth it from the manor of Hame, and ſaith that in the manor of Aplerugge (inter alia) eſt vnus parcus incluſus vocat̃ le Newparke, qui nil valet vltra claufuram, quia herbagium inde depaſcitur cum feris beſtijs. In which reputacon of a Manor it is conveyed by Willm Marques Berkeley to kinge Henry the ſeaventh and the heires males of his body in the ffowerth of his raigne. And after the ſaid Marques death, was by Thomas Goodman Receivor and Superviſor to that kinge the 4th of ffebr̃: in the 21th of his raigne demiſed at 3li rent and heriot to Thomas Butler of Briſtoll Marchant, by the name of the Manor of Appulrugge in Hame, for 61 yeares from the death of Edith Corbet widowe, which ended about the 12th yeare of Queene Elizabeth, what time a newe leaſe for 21 yeares was by Henry then lord Berkeley, (the eſtate taile of kinge Henry the ſeaventh then ſpent in the death of kinge Edward the ſixth,) granted to the ſaid Thomas Throkmerton; whom the ſaid lord in few yeares after by the inſtigacon of his Officers Grantham and Huntley queſtioned ſomwhat harſhly for waſt ſuppoſed to bee comitted by the leſſee, in a coppice pcell therof; wherof and of the ill effects which that ſute after drew

drew on continuinge 7. yeares at leaſt, I heere forbeare to write, havinge blotted many leaves in the relation thereof, in my third volume of the hiſtory of the family of the Lords of Berkeley, writinge of that lords life, in the title of his Lawe ſuites. |

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Arlingham

Arlyngham als Erlingham, In Domeſdei booke written Erlingehame, is one of thoſe five inferior manors or hamblets (parcell of the great Manor of Berkeley,) that adioyne to the river of Severne, And on that part or ſide extendeth to the middle of the Channell wherſoever for the time the chanell is, which often changeth its courſe, as after in the deſcription of Slimbridge I ſhall have fitter occaſion to write.

It is a pariſh of rich ground and faire extent, wherin till of late yeares have byn ſeverall manors, the inheritances of ſeverall lords, as after appeares; The principall whereof is now the freehold of Richard Yate Eſquire, ſonne and heire of Thomas Yate an aged genẽ lately deceaſed; All of them within the Leet or Law-day of the Hundred of Berkeley, holden at Berkeley towne twice every yeare, wherat all the male inhabitants of this pariſh above twelve yeares old make their appearance.

The demeſnes of this manor in the time of William the Conqueror and before, as by Domeſdei booke appeares, conſiſted of Nyne hides of land; And was (with many other Manors,) granted by kinge Henry the ſecond in the firſt of his raigne to Robert the ſonne of Hardinge, (wherby alſo hee was created Lord, and a Peere of the Realme,) to him and his heires: ffrom which lord Robert, who dyed in the 17th of that kinge, this manor of Arlingham (inter alia) diſcended to the lord Maurice his ſonne and heire, By whoſe death in the firſt yeare of kinge R. 1. the ſame (inter alia) diſcended to the lord Robert his ſonne and heire, called Robert the ſecond; And from him, who died without iſſue in the 4th yeare of kinge Henry the third, to the lord Thomas his brother and heire, And from the ſaid lord Thomas, who dyed in the 28th yeare of the ſaid kinge, to the lord Maurice his ſonne and heire, called Maurice the ſecond; who by a fine levyed in the third yeare of kinge Edward the firſt, gave this Manor of Arlingham to his two younger ſonnes, Robert and Simon and their heires ioyntly, to hold of him and his heires by the yearly rent of

of one penny for all ſervices and demaunds; ffor which alienacõn thus made without licence, And held by the ſaid lord Maurice by knight ſervice in Capite, a pardon was had threeſcore and five yeares after, As by Rot. finiũ. 6. E. 3. membr. 16. in the tower of London, And by Originał cum Remũ Theſauř in Sccio. 6. E. 3. Rot. 34. appeareth, Which Records till that yeare doe lay downe the Diſcents as aforeſaid.

The ſaid Simon dyed not longe after the grant, without iſſue, wherby this wholl Manor ſurvived and came to the ſaid Robert called Robert de Berkeley, then a knight, who by Jone his firſt wife had iſſue John, Thomas, Robert and Iſable, of which three yonger children mention will bee made in other places of this hundred; And after died about the 28th of kinge Edward the firſt.

The ſaid John Berkeley, eldeſt ſonne of the ſaid Sr Robert, dyed in the Tenth yeare of kinge Edward the ſecond, leavinge iſſue fower daughters, Elizabeth, ffelicia, Leticia, and Margaret, which were thus maryed; vizt, Elizabeth (often alſo written Iſable) firſt to James Wilton, | After to Thornhill, And thirdly to 54
, yet left noe iſſue by any of them; ffelicia, I finde not to have byn maryed; Leticia was maryed to John Weſtmancote, who died 12 E. 3. and by him had iſſue William Weſtmancote, who by Margery his wife had iſſue John and Wiłłm; John ſonne of John maryed Margery, and dyed about 8. H. 4. without iſſue, And the ſaid Margery was after remaryed to Michaell Ap- Ithell, and dyed about 12. H. 6. And the ſaid Wiłłm Weſtmancote brother and heire of the ſaid John dyed alſo without iſſue in the time of king Henry the ffifth, in whom ended the iſſue of the ſaid Leticia.

Margaret the ffowerth and yongeſt daughter was maryed to John atte Yate, an ancient genť dwellinge in Arlingham, who dyed in 36. E. 3. And after his death ſhee was remaryed firſt to Richard Aſton, and after to Richard Staverton, but had noe iſſue by either of them: And after dyed as I conceive in the time of kinge Richard the ſecond, leavinge iſſue John Atte Yate, who dyed about the ffifteenth of kinge Henry the ſixt, leavinge iſſue William Yate, (Atte left out of the name,) who was in ward to Richard Beauchampe Earle of Warwicke for a meſſuage and a Carucate of land in Arlingham, the old inheritance of his Anceſtors, holden of that manor by knights ſervice, which the ſaid Earle then held as tenant by the curteſy of England, after the death of Elizabeth his firſt wife, daughter and ſole heire to Thomas lord Berkeley, who about the end of kinge Henry the fourth had gotten into the poſſeſſion of Weſtmancotes part of this manor.

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The ſaid William Yate dyed about of kinge , leavinge iſſue John Yate who dyed without iſſue, And Richard Yate brother and heire of John; which Richard dyed in 22. H. 8. leavinge iſſue Walter Yate, who by Jone his wife daughter and heire of John de Boxe had iſſue Richard, and after dyed in 38. H. 8. Which Richard dyed in , leavinge iſſue Thomas Yate, who in extreame old age dyed in 14. Regis Caroli, levinge iſſue Richard Yate, a gent̃ of much remarkeablenes in Arlingham, poſſeſſinge there the ſeate of his Anceſtors, with opulent poſſeſſions, and an hopeful poſterity likely to ſucceed him.

Yates manor.

Weſtmancotes manor.

The laſt mentioned Thomas Yate, by deed dated 20. Novembr: A°. 8. Regis Jacobi, in conſideracõn of 700li purchaſed of Henry lord Berkeley, an other Manor in Arlingham called Weſtmancotes manor, and which in the partition betweene the ſaid daughters of John Berkeley was allotted to Lettice the wife of John Weſtmancote, wherby hee ſeemed to make the wholl againe intire, this his purchaſe then beinge—5li 12s 8d in cheeſe rents paid by divers ffreeholders, And—9li 9s 6d in Copihold and Indenture hold Rents; Togeather alſo with the ſaid lands, ſeverall and free fiſhings as farre as the manor or pariſh of Arlingham doth reach and extend, And all ſelons goods Eſtrayes &c. to the ſaid manor of Arlingham belonginge, or reputed to belonge, (ſavinge to the ſaid lord and his heires) the liberty of all Royall fiſhes in Severne, and ſavinge ſute to his Leete and to his hundred Court of Berkeley for all perſons inhabitinge vpon the granted premiſſes, other then the | 55 ſaid Thomas Yate his heires and aſſignes concerninge the ſuite to the hundred Court of Berkeley, for or in reſpect of any lands then in the proper occupacõn or manurance of the ſaid Thomas Yate his leſſees and farmors, And ſavinge the liberty of ſervinge of Writts proceſſes and precepts; And alſo the liberty of makinge and doeinge all manner of Execucõns, either in the hundred Court of Berkeley or elſewhere; And all amerciamts iſſues and ffynes either in the Leete or hundred court of Berkeley, and power to levy the ſame; And alſo ſavinge and exceptinge the yearly rents and ſervices heertofore accuſtomed or due to bee paid or done by the ſaid Thomas Yate or his Anceſtors, for the manor or reputed Manor of Arlingham, the ancient inheritance of the ſaid Thomas Yate and his aunceſtors: All which ſaid ꝑmiſſes the ſaid Henry lord Berkeley and Robert Viſcount Liſle by their Deed dated 27. Novembr: A°. 7. Jac̃. Rꝗ did convey to William Dutton and John Smyth and their heires, ſaith the Deed.

And to theis two manors heertofore parted in copcinery, now againe vnited in the ſaid Richard Yate, belonge all the waſt grounds, and not to any of the petty Manours followinge.

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In this parish the Abbot of St Augustines by Bristoll had a manor, rayfed in length of time out of divers lands and tenements which the lord Berkeleys of Berkeley, aſwell when the lord Robert firſt founded that Monaſtery as other Lords after, As alſo ſome other ffreeholders, gave vnto them at ſeverall times; which cominge to the Crowne by the Diſſoluc̃on of that Monaſtery in 31. H. 8. was by the ſame kinge in the 34th of his raigne againe with other poſſeſſions conferred vpon the Deane and Chapiter, then by him with a Biſhoppricke there of new erected, where the ſame yet continues; which erection both of the Biſhoppricke and of the Deane and Chapter, is to bee ſeene in the Rolls Chappell of that yeare: And is alſo inrolled entred and pleaded in the Exchequer with the Remembrancer to the lord Treſorer in Trinity Terme 36. H. 8. inter memorand̃ ib̃m. To hold in pure and perpetuall Almes, payinge for all their poſſeſſions 85li. 10s p Anū. at Mich̃as only.

The Abbot of St Auguſtines manor. Now the Deane & Chapter of Briſtoll

In this parish alſo, the Abbot of the Monaſtery of fflaxley had a little Manor, raiſed like as the former by the guifts at ſeverall times of the lord Berkeleys and other ffreeholders, which likewiſe cōminge to the Crowne by the diſſoluc̃on of that Monaſtery in 31. H. 8. was forthwith after given by that kinge to Sir Anthony Kingſton, (at that time one of the knights of this Shire for that parliament, And then high Steward of Berkeley hundred,) and his heires. By whoſe death in the firſt of Qu: Mary, it came to Edmond Kingſton, father of Anthony, father of Wiłłm Kingſton of fflaxley that nowe is, who is ſaid to have lately either ſold the fee or to have made longe Leaſes equivalent therto, to Robert Longney, Henry Wintle, Richard ffryer of Hockerhill, Walter Carter, and . The tenure wherof is of the kinge by knight ſervice in Capite; And for moſt part, or altogeather, lye in the hamblet called Sloo, in the furtheſt part northward of the pariſh. |

Flaxley Manor. now Kingſtons.

In this parish alſo in another little manor called Wike ałs Arlinghams Wike, the inheritance of the foreſaid Richard Yate ſonne of Thomas, holden of the kinge by knight ſervice in Capite, which of old were the lands of Peter de Wike, And by purchaſe came to Thomas lord Berkeley the fourth of that name; And by his death in 5. H. 5. diſcended to Elizabeth his daughter and heire then wife of Richard Beauchampe Earle of Warwicke, And from her death in the firſt yeare of kinge Henry the ſixt, to Margaret Eleanor and Elizabeth the three daughters and co-heires of the ſaid Counteſſe Elizabeth: And in partition betweene them three in the ſixt yeare of kinge Edward the fourth, was allotted (inter alia) to the ſaid Margaret, then the widowe of John Talbot Earle of Shroeſbury, who dyed the yeare after the ſaid partition, in the 7th of E. 4. wherby this manor diſcended to her

56 Wike manor.

her grandchilde and heire, Thomas Talbot Viſcont Liſle, by whoſe death without iſſue, in 10. E. 4. ſlayne at Nybley greene by William Lord Berkeley, it diſcended to Elizabeth his ſiſter and heire maryed to Edward Gray Viſcont Liſle in her right, And by her death in 7. H. 7. two yeares after her huſband, to John Gray viſcont Liſle, and by his death in 19. H. 7. to Elizabeth Gray his daughter and heire, maryed to Henry Courtney Earle of Devon, And by her death in 12. H. 8. without iſſue to Elizabeth her aunt, ſiſter of the ſaid John Gray Viſcont Liſle, who was firſt maryed to Sir Edmond Dudley, by whom ſhee had iſſue John Dudley, by kinge E. 6. created Duke of Northumberland, And ſecond to Arthur Plantaginet baſe ſonne to kinge Edward the fourth, in whoſe right hee was Viſcont Liſle; and by her death in 33. H. 8. the ſame was to have diſcended to the ſaid John Dudley her ſonne; howbeit it ſeemes hee had it by conveyance from her (inter alia) in her life time; ffor by ffine and other aſſurances in 31. H. 8. hee aliened the ſame to William Popely and his heires, who ſhortly after aliened the ſame to Walter Yate, By whoſe death in 38. H. 8. the ſame diſcended to Richard Yate his ſonne and heire, By whoſe death in , it came to Thomas Yate his ſonne and heire, And by his death in 14. Regis Caroli, to Richard Yate his ſonne and heire formerly mentioned.

Of which little Manor of Wike more may bee read in theis Records. viz.,
Inquiſitio 5. H. 5. poſt mortem Thomæ Dñi Berkeley.
Inq: 7. E. 4. poſt mortem Margaretæ Comitiſſæ Saloꝑ.
Inq: 7. H. 7. poſt mortem Edw: Gray, viſc̃ Liſley.
ffinis in banco. 31. H. 8. pro Popely.
Paſch: rec: 35. H. 8. Rot 60 in Sc̃c̃io cum Reñi Theſauř.
Inqu: 38. H. 8. poſt mortem Walteri Yate. |

57 Le Berrowe. In this pariſh are divers ancient freehold lands, containinge about acres ſomtimes alſo reputed a Manor, called Le Berewe, als the Berowes, eſteemed as a Carucate of land, which by an Inquiſiĉon taken in 33. E. 1. after the death of Richard de la Berewe, remaininge in the Tower of London, are found, viz., That hee dyed ſeized of two parts of a meſſuage and of a carucate of land at the Berew in Arlingham, holden of the heire of William Berkeley of Durſley, per ſervitium ponendi primū ferrulam coram eo die natalis d̃ni apud Durſley: And of one acre of land in Arlingham holden of the heire of Robert de Berkeley in Ward to Thomas Lord Berkeley, by the yearly rent of—ob., And John atte Berue was his brother and heire, 11. yeares old. Theis lands are now the inheritance of Thomas Bycke gent.,

genẽ., Goffe Chin, William Clutterbooke genẽ., and of the forefaid Richard Yate, ſtill retaininge the name and mentioned in very many old Deeds both before and ſince the faid Inquiſicõn, which I have read. As alſo in an Inquiſicõn in 2. H. 8. in the Chaple of the Rolls, found after the death of John Roberts, who (inter alia) dyed ſeized of 8. acres of arrable land and of 35. acres of paſture called Berrue, holden of Edward Wikes lord of Durſley.

The two records in the Tower of London of Rot. finiũ. 10. E. 2. membr, 16. and of Rot. Clauſ. 14. E. 2. membr. 2. ſhewe that the forementioned John de Berkeley, when hee dyed in 10. E. 2, held noe land of the kinge: And that Elizabeth, ffelicia, Thomaſia, (not Leticia,) and Margaret, all of them within age, were his daughters and heires, To whom the kinge reſtored the meane profits, that had for three yeares byn vniuſtly taken.

By Deed (with Thomas Bicke) Thomas ſonne of Thomas late lord Berkeley granted in 2. E. 3. to Thomas de Bradſton and Iſable his wife, and to his heires, All that his meſſuage with all lands meadowes and paſtures therto belonginge, which Iſable de Wike ſomtimes held in Arlingham, To bee held of the cheife lord by the ſervices accuſtomed; Which by the Record of Rot. Clauſ. 43. E. 3. mem: 6. are there ſaid to bee a third part of the Manor of Arlingham. And theis are now the inheritance of John Driver, ſonne of Gyles Dryver, ſecond ſonne of Robert Dryver, and which the faid John of late purchaſed of his Cozen Gyles Dryver ſonne and heire of Thomas Dryver, eldeſt ſonne of the faid Robert Driver, who purchaſed the ſame of , but not held to containe ſo much, by much, as the faid record of 43. E. 3. doth make them.

Bradſtons lands. now Dryvers, late Thomas lord Wentworths.

In what ſort theis lands diſcended from the faid Thomas de Bradſton to Thomas lord Wentworth, who in 4. Eliz. aliened them, ſee in the deſcription of Bradſton and Stinchcombe at large. |

Heere alſo in Arlingham, is an auncient meſſuage with 4. cottages and 212, acres of land therto belonginge, comonly called Roberts lands, adioyninge to the lands called the Berrewe, with 8. acres of the Berrewe, wherof John Roberts by Inquiſicõn in 2. H. 8. is found to dye ſeized, and of a fiſhinge in Severne called Roberts putts in Arlingham, Overton and Middleton, The one moity wherof (ſaith this Inquiſicõn) is holden of the Manor of Berkeley by—4ˢ. 6ᵈ. rent for all ſervices, And the other moity of Richard Yate, (then Eſcheator,) And Walter Roberts was his

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Roberts lands. now Chins, Bickes, and others.

his ſonne and heire; Howbeit theis lands were entayled as the Inquiſicõn ſheweth vpon Richard Roberts, eldeſt ſonne of the ſaid John by Jone Davis his ſecond wife; And theis are nowe the inheritance of Thomas Bicke, ſonne of Thomas, and of William Clutterbooke and of Richard Yate, ſonne of Thomas, and of Goffe Chin, and are called Roberts and Rogers: Of whom Goffe Chin is in by diſcent from one of the heires of Roberts: The other three, by the purchaſes of their Anceſtors. Which Thomas Bicke dyed in Anno 14º Regis Caroli, leavinge his ſonne and heire yeares old. Of whom ſee after fol: 60.

Rowles land. Heere alſo, is another ancient meſſuage with 100. acres of land therto belonginge, the inheritance of William Rolls, brothers ſonne and heire of William Rolles, who dyed , ſonne of Rolls, who died , who in his life time purchaſed the ſame of , ſomtime the land of R. Knight, And pte alſo ſomtime the land of Scott.

Walls land. In this pariſh of Arlingham are divers lands and tenemts comonly called Walls lands, holden of the lord Berkeley by ſute to his hundred Court of Berkeley from 3. weekes to 3. weekes and by ; ſomtimes the land of William Wall, father of Wall, who died , father of Walter Wall who dyed in the 24. H. 8. and was father of Richard, Roger, and Walter Wall; which Richard dyed in 2. E. 6. and by Margaret his wife left iſſue Walter and John Wall, Which Walter by ſeverall ffines and other aſſurances in the 3. 5. 6. 12. and other yeares of the raigne of Queene Elizabeth, aliened moſt of theſe lands to ſeverall perſons, as followeth; And after dyed without iſſue in 33. Eliz. And are nowe the ſeverall inheritances of Richard Yate ſonne of Thomas Yate geñ, John Cage geñ in right of his wife, John Dryver, John Kinge, Thomas
59 Daniell, John Carter, Richard Yate | genĩ., Walter Croft, Richard Willis, Richard ffryer of Midleton als Milton-end, Richard Carter of ffriday ſtreete, Thomas Bicke geñ, John Lyes, John Carſwell, Wiłłm Rolls, Richard Carter of , ffrancis Croft, Thomas Butt, and John Wall ſonne of Richard, ſonne of John, brother of the laſt menc̃oned Walter Wall; To which John Wall only remaineth one Cottage with an orchard adioyninge: from the longe feizin of whoſe anceſtors theis lands have taken and ſtill retaine the name of Walls lands, though now in the ſeverall hands of ffreeholders.

Of theis lands ſee a ffine in the Com̃on pleas in Eaſter terme 17. H. 6. by William Wall, to whom the fee was lymitted.

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The Court of Canonbury als Berkeley in 18. H. 6. hath thus; vizt, Adhuc preceptum eſt diſtringere Willm Wall iuñ, ad faciend Dño homagium, et ad ſatiſfaciend Releviū pro terris et teñtis quæ de Dño tenet in Erlingham per ſervicium militare.

Bailies land.

Heere alſo is a meſſuage and about 15. acres of land knowne by the name of Bailies, which in the time of H. 6. were the inheritance of John Weſtmancote, who entayled the ſame vpon John Bayly and Jone his wife, and the heires of their bodies; who had iſſue Robert and William, which Robert Bayly had iſſue Jone, who after dyed without iſſue in 17. H. 7. then the wife of Lawrance Hamond; After whoſe death the ſame diſcended and came to Richard Bayly ſonne of John, ſonne of the ſaid Willm Bayly, brother of the ſaid Robert, who was 60. yeares old at the takinge of an Inquiſicon in 2. H. 8. found after the death of the ſaid Jone wife of the ſaid Lawrance Hamond, wherin all the ſame appeareth; And that the ſame are holden of the heire of John Weſtmancote by fealty and a capon, by reaſon of the ſaid guift in tayle. And are now, Anno. 1639, the inheritance of Webbe of Glouc, an Apothecary.

ffriers land of Overton

Heere alſo is an ancient capital meſſuage with an 100. acres of land therto belonginge, the inheritance of John ffryer of Overton in Arlingham, ſonne of Richard, who died in , ſonne of John ffryer who dyed in 28. Eliz. Rent. 10^s ſonne of , ſonne of Henry ffryer.

Which in the time of kinge E. 4. were the lands of Kenelme Digas, And before of Richard Mead, whoſe name ſoe ſetled in theſe lands that they retaine the name of Meads lands to this day.

This John ffryer is lately dead, and hath left his ſonne and heire, very younge.|

60 Hodges lands late Bridgemans.

Heere alſo is a meſſuage and divers lands and fiſhings therto belonginge, containinge about 80. acres, the inheritance of John Hodges, now in minority, ſonne of Thomas, who died 3° Re Caroli, ſonne of Willm, ſonne of John Hodges, who in the 28th of Eliz. purchaſed the ſame of William Bridgeman ſonne of John Bridgeman Eſquire of Micheldeane; who in 28. of H. 8. in conſideracon of 200. mks purchaſed the ſame of Thomas Tame then of Stowell Eſq, by the name of all that his manor, meſſuage, lands, tenements, and fiſhings in Arlingham, wherof a fine in Michas terme, 30. H. 8. was levyed to John Bridgeman, and to the ſaid Willm his

his ſonne, by the ſaid Thomas Tame and Jone his wife, and Edmond Horne and Eliz. his wife, aſwell of this meſſuage and lands in Arlingham, As of the manor of Goſington and of divers lands and tenements in Goſington, Slimbridge, Came, Cowley, Hurſt and Hame: And theis are holden of Richard Yate Eſq. as of his manor of Arlingham, in Soccage, by ſuite of Court and the yearly rent of 23s 8d, whereof two Inquiſicõns after the death of the ſaid Thomas Hodges were of late in 13o et 14o Rℓ Caroli found, And a wardſhip pretended for the kinge vpon a ſuppoſed incroachment to have byn made by the ſaid Thomas, of a ſmall parcell of ground alleadged to bee held by knights ſervice in Capite; But ffinch the proſecutor prevayled not.

Bickes land, late Bridgemans.

Heere alſo in an ancient meſſuage called the ffarme, with divers lands and tenements therto belonginge containinge by eſtimacõn acres, the inheritance of Thomas Bicke gent (ſaid to bee dead this preſent October. 1638. as I am in my laſt reviewe of this deſcription,) eldeſt ſonne of Thomas Bicke by his ſecond wife, daughter of , borne after the death of his ſaid father, whoſe iſſue male by his firſt wife yet alſo remaineth; which the ſaid Thomas the father (inter alia) purchaſed in Eliz. of Bridgeman, ſonne of Bridgeman, holden . And dyed in 31. Eliz., whoſe office was found in 12o Regis Jacobi.
Of which Thomas Bicke fee before fol: 58. And this Thomas Bicke hath left iſſue Thomas Bicke 12. yeares old, as by an office found in October 1639. 15. Car, appeareth; The tenures of whoſe lands appeare in the two foreſaid Inquiſicõns in 12. Jac. and 15. Caroli, if the firſt (found before Adam Bainham Eſcheator by vertue of a writt of Mandamus,) bee not periſhed, as I have byn told it is. |

61 Fryers lands of Middleton als Milton end in Arl:

Heere alſo is an ancient meſſuage with divers lands therto belonginge, lyinge in Midleton end als Milton end aforeſaid, late the inheritance of Richard ffryer of Milton end aforeſaid, which hee purchaſed of Simon Ludby and Jane his wife, John Huntley and Margaret his wife, and of Edward Molyneux and Vrſula his wife, daughters and coheires of John Sydenham Eſq. And which the ſaid Richard ffryer hath of late conveyed in tayle to Walter ffryer his eldeſt ſonne, reſervinge to himſelfe an eſtate for his owne life, which walter is dead, levinge the ſaid Richard his father, and hath left iſſue , to whom the inheritance in taile is diſcended.

In this pariſh the Pryor of Stanley als Leonard Stanley, a Cell to the great Monaſtery of St Peter of Glouc, had divers lands, which cominge to the Crowne by

by the ſuppreſſion of that monaſtery in 31. H. 8. were afterwards granted to
, and now the inheritance
of , holden .

The moſt remarkeable hamletts or names of places within this pariſh, which in the ſituacõn is as a necke of land Iſtmos or peninſula, are Wike, als Arlingham Wike, the Berue, the Slo als Sloo, Overton, i.e. the overtowne, Middleton, als Milton, als Milton end; i.e. the middleſt of the Towne, or the end of the midle towne; And South end. Names of Places.

Heere alſo have beene within the pariſh in the river of Severne divers weres putts and fiſhinge places, called Rodleis were, Garons were, Puthouſe, and others of very great remarkeablenes and ancient continuance in the eldeſt records in the kings courts; from before the time of Willm the Duke of Normandies Conqueſt, As by the booke in the Exchequer called Domeſdei, and other moſt ancient Pipe rolls, and the private Deeds of many men, and leidger booke of Monaſteries and Biſhopricks, wherof I have ſeene many, doe appeare; Some of which croſſed the wholl river; wherof ſome have yet their continuance, and ſome were deſtroyed by vertue of a Comiſſion of Sewers in the time of kinge Henry the 8th, wherof I ſhall write more largely in the deſcription of the pariſh of Slimbridge, and of the River of Severne. Weres or fiſhinge places.

And (as more then 100. accompts and other evidences as yet remaining in Berkeley Caſtle have informed mee,) It was a conſtant courſe held by the 8. firſt lords of Berkeley, in the times of Lent, to abide at their manor of Wike aforeſaid in Arlingham, now the inheritance of Richard Yate ſonne of Thomas, And to feed themſelves with ſuch ſalmon lamprey ſhads herings ſoles plais flounders eeles and other fiſh, which theſe weres in thoſe times in great abundance afforded; And then to returne to one of their houſes, of Berkeley Caſtle or | Wotton Vnderedge: But 62
nowe a licentious liberty havinge almoſt baniſhed thoſe politicall obſervations of meates and ſeaſons, Heaven ſeemes ſoe to have withdrawne her bleſſings that thoſe Weares are growne ſcarce worth the watchinge and repairinge.

The Rectory or Perſonage is impropriate, and was before the diſſolucõn of that Monaſtery belonginge to St Peters of Glouc, as to their Cell of Stanley: And cominge to the Crowne in 31. H. 8. was
And is nowe the inheritance of Sir John Bridgeman by his late purchaſe of Thomas Bicke: Rectory and Vicaridge.

Bicke: Which Sir John hath alſo the Advowſon of the Vicaridge there, wherof John Giles is nowe the incumbent; And by a compoſicõn remaininge within the office of the Regiſter to the Biſhop of Worceſter, in whoſe Dioceſſe the ſame then was, made with the aſſent of Gervais Biſhop of Worc̃, about the 21th yeare of kinge E. 3. A° 1347, betweene the Pryor of Leonard Stanley, a Cell belonginge to the Monaſtery of St Peters in Glouc̃, of the one part, And the Vicar of Arlingham on the other part; wherby it was ſetled that the Vicar for the time beinge ſhould have the fifth of the tythe of all grayne ſowne within this pariſh, except of the corne growinge vpon the glebe land of the Rectory, from whence nothinge ſhall bee taken: And that the Vicar ſhould have halfe the tyth hay, except of the glebe land and of the meadowes called the Leſicke and Valemore, the tythes wherof ſhall bee to the ſaid Pryor although they ſhould bee ſowne with grayne: And that the Vicar ſhould have all manner of the tythes of the Curtelages, except of the corne growinge, The tythes wherof ſhall bee devided as before, except for the curtelages and cloſes of Bertrand and Jones, wherwith the Vicar ſhall not meddle. And that the Vicar ſhould have the fifth part of the corne called Bretcorne; And the Vicar alſo ſhould have the tithes of all fiſh taken in Severne in the putts, (the tithes in Garnewere and Rodleis were for fiſh taken in them excepted, which ſhall bee to the ſaid Pryor;) Alſo that the Vicar ſhould have the Tyth of Silva cædua, and of what is comprehended under the name of Alterage, All other tythes remayninge to the ſaid Pryor; And alſo that all the tythe corne of the whole pariſh ſhall bee brought into the Pryors barne at Arlingham, for caryage wherof the vicar to finde one plowe or teeme and three men to gader and carry; And the diviſion of the tyth corne to bee made betweene the Pryor and Vicar in the Pryors barne aforeſaid. And that the Vicar ſhould pay to the Pryor 2^s yearly, as of old hath byn accuſtomed: And alſo that the vicar ſhould have curam animarum of all the inhabitants of the pariſh; and ſhall pay all procurations and alſo all other charges ordinary and extraordinary, ſave that the pryor ſhall pay procuracõns to the Archdeacon only, and other charges accordinge to the proportion of the fruite hee receiveth. All which continueth in vſe to this day between the impropriate perſon, and the Vicar. |

63 Chantry lands. In this pariſh alſo were divers lands and tenements dedicated to the ſervice of the bleſſed virgin Mary, to whom alſo I thinke the pariſh church was dedicated; which lands in the time of kynge Henry the fourth were vnder the diſpoſinge and lettinge of procuratores ſerviciæ beatæ Mariæ virginis de Arlingham, the houſe the preiſt then before dwelt in, and after, was and yet is called our Ladies preiſts houſe; And however theis lands were conceived not to bee given to the Crowne by the Statute

Statute of Chantries made in the firſt yeare of kinge Edward the ſixth, yet by an Inquiſicõn found in the 13th yeare of Queene Elizabeth, ſhee was by virtue of that Act intituled vnto them, And accordingly in the 14th yeare of her raigne granted them to Percivall Gonſton in fee, And from him they came to Robert Dryver, and others; Howbeit thoſe lres patents and grant through defects therein beinge avoided, the ſame were againe of new granted by the ſaid Queene in the 29th of her raigne to Sir ffrancis Walſingham and to ffrancis Mills and their heires, from whom the ſame are now in the hands of divers perſons; But not without a kinde of reluctacõn of the generall inhabitants of this pariſh at this day, ſuppoſinge the ſame ought not to have come to the Crowne by that ſtatute.

Arlingham church new built.

In Berkeley caſtle is a Deed made in 46. E. 3. betweene John de Yate and 17. others the cheife Inhabitants of Arlingham on the one part, And Nicholas Wiſhonger, cementarium[1] de Glouc̃, of the other part, which pticularly ſhewes their compoſicõn made with him In the buildinge of the tower or Belfree wherin the bells doe hange, And of the moſt part if not of all the church of Arlingham.

Warth.

In the ſixth yeare of kinge Charles, a Bill in the Exchequer chamber was by Heath Attorny generall exhibited againſt the foreſaid Thomas Bicke and eight other ffreeholders and inhabitants in Arlingham, charginge them to have intruded vpon certaine newe grounds called Arlingham warth, lately caſt togeather by the flowe and reflowe of the river of Severne, which ſhuld belonge to the kinge, &c. wherto all the defendts made their ioynt and ſeverall anſweres very perticulerly, which ſeemed ſoe farre forth to ſatisfy that noe further proceedinge followed, but ſoe reſteth to this day: But in the 13th yeare of kinge Charles, whileſt I am in my laſt reviewe heereof, an Inquiſicõn was firſt found in this County to entitle the kinge to the ſaid Warth, as beinge ſomtimes parcell of the ſaid river of Severne; And after an Informacõn of Intruſion was exhibited againſt Thomas Bicke, Richard Yate aforeſaid, and others, by Banks Atturny generall, which is not yet come to tryall. But ſee more heerof, and of Slimbridge warth in the deſcription of Slimbridge. |

64 Fifteenth

In payment of the ffifteenth or kingſilver, when it is granted by Parliament, The onus or charge in the Exchequer is—9li., The deduction for the decayes in this pariſh is—3li., The remanet paid into the Exchequer is 6li.; Of which payment ſee before in Alkington fol: 37. and alſo fol: 4.

Subſedy

In the laſt Subſedy in the ffifth of kinge Charles were in this pariſh 24 ſubſedy men, who paid 9li. 3s. 4d. to the kinge.

And

[1] From the Latin Cæmentarius—a rough maſon, a waller or builder of walls.

Able men. And of able men for the Warre betweene 20. and 60. yeares of age, were in 6°. Jacobi, which appeared at a generall muſter before Henry lord Berkeley then Leiutenant of the County,—98.

Trained ſoldiers. And now are of trayned ſoldiers vnder Willm Thorpe Eſq, their Captaine 4. corſletts and 12. muſketts.

Rates. And if the whole Diviſion called Berkeley Diviſion, eſteemed a 4th part of the county of Glouč, bee rated in any taxe for kinge or Comonwealth, to pay—100li, Then this hundred of Berekeley payeth towards the ſame—33li. 3s, And this pariſh of Arlingham— 36s 8d, And ſoe after that rate.

Deanry. This wholl pariſh is within the Deanry of Glouč, As by the Roll of Taxacon in the tower of London in 20. E. 1. appeareth.

Confirmacon. And heere for once and for all, I will incert the Cofirmacon of Thomas lord Berkeley the firſt of that name, made betweene 4. H. 3. when hee entred vpon his Barony and 28. H. 3. when hee dyed, entendinge hither to referre all the Townſhips and lands therin mentioned. vizt,

Omnibus ſcæ matris Ecclæ filijs ad quos ꝑſens ſcriptum pvenit, Thomas de Berkeł filius Mauricij de Berkeł, ſalm in Dño. Novint vniꝑſitas ũra me pro ſalute anime mee, Avi mei Robti filij Hardingi, Patris mei Mauricij de Berkeł, et fris mei Robti de Berkeł, necnon et Johanne vxor mee ſz, et omniũ anteceſſorũ et ſucceſſoꝝ meoꝝ, dediſſe et conceſſiſſe et hac ꝑſenti carta mea confirmaſſe Deo et Ecclæ Sči Auguſt de Briſtoll et canonicis regular ibm deo ſervientibus, Omnia illa quæ avus meus Robtus filius Hardingi, Mauricius de Berkeł pater meus, et Robtus de Berkeł frater meus eiſdem dederunt et cartis ſuis confirmaverunt, vzt, ex dono avi mei, Almodeſbur, Horefeld, Aſſeleſword, Cromał cũ eoꝝ ptineñ, Dimidias etiam piſcarias de Erlingeham, et alterius medietatis decimam totam, Item fiſhidam in Dorſeta, Legam que fuit manerium de Bedmeniſtria, Et terram apud ſcã Katherinã de ſeod portbir. Siłter et ſex libratas terræ apud Cernay, Et terram quam habuit apud Blakeneſword. Ex dono autem et concenſu Mauricij de Berkeł patris mei, Dimidiam hidam terræ apud Hineton, et vnã virgatã terre apud Alcrinton, Decimam etiam de toto pannagio meo de Muclewde, de Appelrugg, de Acle, et de Wttoñ, et paſtur apud Berkeł, bobus vnius carucæ cũ dnicis bobus meis. Ex dono etiam Robti de Berkeł quatuor virgatas terræ apud Erlingeham, et decem puchias et dimidiã et vnũ liberũ

liberū palū in gurgite de Rodleg̃, cum meſſuagijs et pratis | et omnibus alijs ad dc̃as 65
terras ptinentib⁹. Et dimidiā virgatā terre apud Riham quā Radulſus Mattoch tenuit: Molendinū etiā de Berkeł quod novum molendinum appellatur, cum conſuetudine molture caſtelli mei et totius ſequele, ſicut vnquam melius ſolebat fieri; Et vnā virgatā terre iuxta idem molendinum, quā Reginaldus carucarius et Aluredus de ſindleſord tenere conſuerunt, Necnon et Hugonem piſtorē cum illa virgata terre quam tenet apud Hulmanecote; Et vnā virgatā terre apud Swanhangre quā Reginaldus Luffinge tenuit: Siłter et terras et pratum et ōia quæ Wiłłus Cobi dc̃is canonicis dedit, et dc̃us Roƀtus de Berkeł frater meus eiſdē confirmavit; Et boſcum quod vocatur Ewecumbe. ſz, et inſup totā terrā quā dc̃us fr̃er meus Roƀtus de Berkeł habuit infra muros Briſtołł, et ōia burgagia quæ Roƀtus avus meus, vel Mauricius pater meus, vel Aeleiſia mater inſra murū Briſtoll vel extra eiſdem contulerunt: Iī terras illas quæ fuer̃ de purchaſio Mauricij fr̃is mei; Et terram de Baggrugge, quā idem frater meus Roƀtus de Berkeł emit de Wiłło de leſromonte et eiſdem canonicis dedit et carta ſua confirmavit. Hec et cetera ōia que in eccłiaſticis ƀñificijs ſeu terris et rebus alijs dc̃is canonicis a memorato avo meo, patre, vel ſratre meo caritativè ſunt collata, cū eoꝫ liƀtatibus et liberis conſuetudinib⁹ eiſdem dedi, conceſſi, et hac p̃nti carta mea cofirmavi, ſicut in eorū cartis et confirmac̃onibus plenius et melius continetur; Ita vt dc̃i canonici im̃unes ſint et quieti ab omni demanda et ſervicio ſeculari, excepto ſolo murdro, et excepto regali ſervicio quantū ptinet ad vnā virgatā terre in Swanhungre, et ad vnā virgatā terre pro terra de Baggerugg̃. Infuper conceſſi vt eccleſiæ in terris meis que ad canonicos pertinent omnes habeant libertates et liberas conſuetudines in com̃unis paſturaꝫ et ōibus alijs rebus quas habuerunt tempore regis Henrici et ſupradc̃i Roƀti avi mei, et Mauricij patris mei; Preteria omnia que in tenementis meis dictis canonicis recte data ſunt, vel dabuntur in poſterum, eis hac preſenti carta mea in ppetuā durac̃one et conceſſione confirmavi. Hijs teſtibus, Dño Roƀto filio Ric̃ tunc ſeneſchallo meo, Dño Petro de Stinteſcumƀ, Rogero Aillard, Mauricio filio Nigelli et Roberto filio eius, Philippo de Cromhał, Radulſo de Stanes, Ricardo portar̃, Reginaldo de Pennard et multis alijs. |

Ashelworth. 66

Ashelworth, In Domeſdei booke Eſceluuorde: And in the times of R. 1. and of kinge John written Eſſeleſwrd, is a manor and pariſh not ſarre from the Citie of Glouc̃, belonginge to the Biſhop of Briſtoll.

Anciently

Anciently this manor was part of the great manor of Berkeley and of Berkeley herneſſe, And was by Robert the ſonne of Hardinge given amongſt other manors to the Abbot and Covent of the Monaſtery of St Auguſtines by Briſtoll, when hee firſt founded the ſame: wherof read more in the deſcription of Almondeſbury fol. 47, and in fol: 64. 65. And continued, as that did, in the poſſeſſion of thoſe Abbots there ſucceſſively mentioned, till the diſſolucõn of that monaſtery in 31. H. 8. And vpon that kings erectinge of newe the Biſhoppricke of Briſtoll in the 33th of his raigne, was deſigned to bee part of the poſſeſſions of the Biſhoppricke; In which tres patents this and all other the Biſhops lands are perticulerly mentioned.

The Demeſnes of this manor in the time of Willm the Conqueror conſiſted of three hides of land, as by the booke in the Exchequer called Domeſdei appeares: which, though held by the ſaid lord Robert by knight ſervice in Capite, yet his grant therof to that Monaſtery was to hold in frank almoigne: I referre you for more heerof to my hiſtory of the family of the lords of Berkeley, lately by mee finiſhed and given to the lord George Berkeley: to bee read in the life of the ſaid lord Robert therin called Robert the firſt.

The Capitall meſſuage and almoſt the wholl manor was new builded whileſt Walter Newbury was Abbot of that Monaſtery, who died in a^o Dñi. 1463. 13. E. 4. And are within the Deanry of Glouc̃, as that of Arlingham laſtly deſcribed.

Bounds or Comons.

After many yeares contention betweene the Abbots of this monaſtery and Sir John Pauncefoot knight, who was ſonne of Hugh, ſonne of Adomarus, ſonne of Grymbald, ſonne of Richard Pauncefoot, (a family of great antiquity in this county,) touchinge the bounds and Comons betweene this the Abbotts Manor of Aſhelworth and that of his of Hasfeld, an agreement followed the 20th of ffebruary in 21. H. 6, which for a perpetuall quietnes in ages followinge they inrolled in Chancery; As by the Rot. Clauſ. 21. H. 6. mem: 24. in dorſo, in the tower of London appeares.

Derivacon of the name.

The Etimon or derivacõn of the name of this pariſh or townſhip, take whether of theis two wayes you pleaſe; Either from the word **Weorth**, now ſpoken **Woorth**, a baſe court or yard, ſuch as is comonly before the better ſort of houſes: Or from the German word, **Werd**, which is a poole.

Also, in this Towne the ancient family of the Berkelies of Durſley had halfe
67 an hide of land, as the Certificate of | Roger Berkeley to kinge Henry the ſecond,
ſet

ſet downe verbatim in the red booke in the Exchequer, doth ſhewe, wherof read after in Durſley fol: 177. which I ſuppoſe came ſhortly after to the Abbot and Covent of St Auguſtines aforeſaid.

In payment of the ffifteene or kingeffilver, when it runneth, the onus or charge in the Exchequer is—4^li. The deduction for the decayes within this Manor is—20^s. The Remanet paid into the Excheq^r—3^li. ffifteene.

In the laſt ſubſedy rated in the 5° Caroli, were in the pariſh 8. ſubſedy men, who paid 3^li. 6^s 8^d Subſedy.

Of able men for the warres between 20. and 60. yeares of age, who appeared at a generall muſter before Henry lord Berkeley lord Lieutenant of this County in 6to Rℓ Jacobi, were 71. Able men.

Of trayned ſouldiers vnder Willm Thorpe Eſq^r their Captaine nowe are—4: vizt 2. corſlets and 2. muſkets. Souldiers.

And if Berkeley Diviſion eſteemed a 4th part of the county of Gloc̃ bee rated in any tax for kinge or com̄on welth to pay—100^li. the hundred of Berkeley paies thereof—33^li. 3^s and this townſhip 20^s. Rates.

ffor this Church and the impropriatinge therof, ſee at large in Berkeley fol: 81. 82. 83. And in Almondeſbury fol: 47. |

Avonscourt.

See Bainham fol: 71. And Pedington. fol: 313.

Bagpath. 68

Bagpath; called alſo Newton als Newenton Bagpath, becauſe Newton als Newenton, is within the pariſh of Bagpath.

Of this Manor of Bagpath Ambroſe Webb Doctor of Divinity is Lord, and alſo patron of the Church. And M^r ffeilding his ſonne in lawe Incumbent; whoſe preſentac̃on is ſaid to have byn his maryage portion with Doctor Webs daughter.

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Church. Though ſcarce any church (worthy the name of a church) can bee leſſe or worſe built, yet within the pariſh theroſ is both Newenton, Caldcote, and Owlpen: And though the manor houſe or capitall meſſuage of Laſſeborrowe, (the ſeate of Sir Thomas Eſtcourt late deceaſed,) bee without the compaſſe of this pariſh and alſo of this Hundred of Berkeley, yet within both pariſh and hundred is the garden ground adioyninge, And a great part of the parke alſo, incloſinge (as it were) both houſe and garden.

Newenton. Newton als Newenton is a poare hamblet, of 3. or 4. dwellinge houſes, ſeated neerer that church welnigh by halſe a myle then that of Bagpath; often in old records written (as iuſtly it may) Coldnewenton, from which quallity and conſtitucon of aire is Coldcoate its neighbour, now called Caldcote; A farme heertofore parcell of the poſſeſſions of the Abby of Kingſwood, and now of the Lords of Laſſeborrow adioyninge.

This Newenton was part of the old lands of the ancient family of the Berkeleis of Durſeley, longe before the Conqueſt, as was his hide of land in Durſley where his dwellinge houſe and place of abode was; Soe noe part of the Manor of Berkeley nor of Berkeley herneſſe at any time, noe more then the Manor of Slimbridge, another part of their old poſſeſſions: for which ſee the Certificate of Roger Berkeley to kinge Henry the ſecond, after in fol: 177.

In Newton Bagpath is a place obvious in many evidences called Nutgarſhall, als Lurgeſhall, a

Turners land. In Newton als Newington are two freeholds of ancient daies, the one the inheritance of Robert Turner, containinge about 60. acres, ſonne of John Turner, who died in 19. Rᵉ Jacobi, And as I conceive is holden of the Manor of Kingſwood in Soccage by the yearly rent of—4ˢ 4ᵈ And was by the ſaid John Turner in the 29ᵗʰ of Qu: Eliz: purchaſed of Nicholas Pointz Eſq, after knight. And was before the land of Ralph Higs.

Harris land. The other ffreehold is the inheritance of Harris, of a leſſe quantity then the former, holden of |

69 Theis 2. ffreeholds were before the time of kinge H. 3. the lands of Shokerwicke, and in the 50ᵗʰ yeare of that kinge of Willm Mauduit, who by an Inquiſicon then

then taken remaininge in the tower of London 50. H. 3. numero. 48. is found to have byn contra regem in municione caſtri de Merleberge, (Marleburrowe,) et in bello de Lewes; And then held a carucate of land in Beoly, and a yard land in la planch, And a yard land in Bagpath, (this wherof I nowe write.)

And by another Inquiſicon in the tower of London, found in the firſt yeare of kinge Edward the firſt, ſix yeares after the former, theis lands are found to bee holden of Willm Shokerwike, and to have byn in the kings hands a yeare and a day.

This land in the time of kinge Edward the third was the inheritance of John Rede, who left two daughters, Maud married to , and Edith, married to

In 15. E. 1. Henry Berkeley of Durſley is by Inq: found to dye ſeized (inter alia) of the manor of Newenton, holden of the kinge in Capite. And by a booke of knights fees in the Exchequer, ſomwhat more ancient then the foreſaid Inquiſicon, remaininge with the Remembrancer to the lord Treaſorer, Henry de Berkeley of Durſley holds Durſley and Newenton of the kinge in Capite by two knights fees. Newenton.

In the Court of Pleas at Weſtm, Term paſche 26. H. 3. Rot. 1. in dorſo, (elder then either of the 2. former records,) the Church of Newton is ſaid to have beene queſtioned by Roger de Berkeley, grandfather of John de Berkeley: from which record in haſt I tooke my notes too ſhort. Church.

By Rot. pateñ. 15. E. 3. ps. 2. in dorſo. John de Berkeley de Durſley and Hawiſia his wife arraigned an Aſſiſe againſt the Abbot of Kingſwood and others for lands and tenements in Coldnewenton.

In Trin Terme, 14. E. 4. rot. 353. in the Court of comon pleas at Weſtm, John Wikes Eſq (then lord of Durſley) demaunds againſt Edmund Berkeley ſonne and heire of John Berkeley, als dict John Planch, (of whom are the families of the Berkeleys of Shropſhire,) the Manors of Durſley, Newenton Bagpath, and Stanley.

And the yeare before, by Inquiſicon 13. E. 4. Thomas Wikes Eſq is found to dye ſeized of the Manors of Durſley, with Coldnewenton and Bagpath, beinge pcells of the manor of Durſley, holden in Capite, by halfe a knights fee; And that John Wikes, ſonne of John, ſonne of the ſaid Thomas Wikes, is his heire, 30. yeares old.

And

And by Inquiſicõn in 1. H. 7. it is found That John Wikes dyed ſeized of the Manor of Durſley, with Coldnewenton and Bagpath, pcells therof, as in the Inq: 13. E. 4. And that Edmond Wikes was his ſonne and heire 17. yeares old; Alſo there is another Inquiſicõn in 3. H. 7. Virtute officij, after the death of the ſaid John. |

70 Church. Aſwell by a writt called Ad quod damnum, 10 Aprił. 35. E. 1. As by an Inquiſicõn taken by vertue therof the ſame yeare, It appeares, That the Abbot of Kingſwood purchaſed of the Abbot of Glouč. one acre of land in Bagpath, with the Advowſons of the churches of Owſelworth and of Weſtnewenton, (ſoe this is called,) by way of exchange betweene them, for ten pounds rent in Haſelden and Culkerton given by the ſaid Abbot of Kingſwood to the Abbot of St Peter of Glouč. And that the ſaid churches are holden of John ſonne of Willm de Berkeley of Durſley, in ward to the kinge. in pure Almes; And that the ſaid 10^li. rent is holden of Peter de Breouſe in pure Almes alſo.

Fifteene. In payment of the ffifteene or Kingeſilver, when it is given to the crowne by parliament, Bagpath and Newton are rated togeather with Owſelworth, a ſmall pariſh alſo adioyninge; The onus or charge of all, in the kings records and bookes of the Excheq^r—4^li. 2^s. The deduction—10^s. The remanet paid into the Excheq^r—3^li. 12^s.

Subſedy. In the laſt Subſedy in 5. R^ℓ Caroli, heere were in Bagpath and Newton and Owſelworth, which are rated and goe togeather 11. ſubſedy men, who paid—6^li. 17^s. 4^d.

Able men. And of able men for the warre, at a generall Muſter in 6to Jacobi, aged betweene 20. and 60. yeares old who appeared, were—47. in theis three places of Bagpath, Newton, and Owſelworth.

[Trained Soldiers] And now are of trayned ſouldiers in Newton and Bagpath vnder Edward Stephens of Sodbury their captaine, are— |

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Baynham.

Rugbagge. Bainham als Baynham farme is in Rugbagg̃, a place of ten habitations, And before in the deſcription of Alkington, ſaid to bee one of the hambletts or petty villages

villages of that manor: The moſt principall meſſuage or dwellinge houſe wherin was of old called Avenſcourt from the old owners therof, ſuch as John de Avone and Hugh de Avone, ſonne of John, whom the ffeoffments of the ancient lords of Berkeley in the times of R. 1. kinge John and kinge Henry the third, had made owners therof, and of divers other lands in the pariſh of Berkeley, in ffee. And they in proceſſe of time drewe that ſirname of Avone to them from the water or ſmall ryver runninge neere vnto it: And was anciently held of the lords of Berkeley by knight ſervice, and the yearly rent of—40s, which was the true worth and improved yearly value at the firſt grant and reſervacõn therof: As I ſhall after write in other poſſeſſions which they had in Pedington, Wike, and other places: ffrom this name of Avone theis lands whereof I nowe write called Bainham farme were in the times of kinge Edward the third the lands of John Walton, by maryage of the heire of Avone: And after a fewe diſcents fell into the name of Trefray, and after to the name of Kendall, And by the Attainder of John Kendall of high treaſon in the firſt yeare of kinge Henry the ſeaventh for takinge part with kinge Richard the third, who then did weare the Crowne, and then ſlayne at Boſworth feild. The ſame came to the family of Dineley als Dingley, by the grant of kinge Henry the 8th, wherof ſee much more at large in Pedington, and Wike, hamblets within the manor of Hame; fol: 313. and fol: 386. And is nowe the inheritance of ffrancis Dingley holden of the kinge by knight ſervice in Capite. | Avenſcourt.

Beckets-burie. 72

Beckets-bury is a fortreſſe or Campe place, fortified with double trenches, at the browe of a ſteepe and precipitious hill in Weſtridge wood within the pariſh of Wotton vnderedge, caſt vp as traditions goe in the time of kinge Henry the ſecond, what time contention raged and many comotions were raiſed in many parts of this kingdome in favour of Thomas Becket then Archbiſhop of Canterbury, done to death by the meanes of that kinge as was then beleived in his Metropolitan Church of Canterbury; the ſtory wherof is at large delivered in moſt of our comõn Engliſh Chronicles, whither I ſend my reader. Of this place, ſee after fol: 404. |

Benecombe. 73

Benecombe als Bencombe: An ancient farme houſe comõnly called Bencombe place, and Claviles place, which though it bee within the pariſh of Ewley yet is in the

the tythinge of Combe, one of the hamblets of the manor of Wotton fforren; And appeareth at the Leet of Berkeley hundred, (which alſo Ewley doth,) holden yearly at Berkeley, not as an inhabitant of Ewley but as of Combe; And is (as turne cometh,) choſen Tythingman of and for Combe: And is holden of George lord Berkeley as of his manor of Wotton fforren afore ſaid, by knight ſervice, ſuite to his hundred court of Berkeley from three weekes to three weekes, and by the yearly rent of—x^s^ And hath had the reputacon of a ſmall Manor, with ſome cheife rents in Cowley and other places belonginge vnto it.

It was of old in the times of R. I. and kinge John the land of Peter de Ewley and other of his name, as Walter de Ewl and others, but by the grant of what lord of Berkeley I have not found, though doubtles of one of the firſt of thoſe lords: About the begininge of H. 3. time, Peter de Ewley gave the ſame in franke maryage to Matilda als Maude his daughter, then maryed to Walter de Bencombe, who had iſſue Robert de Bencombe, who by Maud his wife had iſſue John Bencombe, who had iſſue Agnes his daughter and heire maryed to John Clavile in the time of E. 3, who, betweene them had iſſue Robert Clavile a Burgeſſe of Briſtoll, By whoſe death in 19. R. 2, the ſame diſcended to William Clavile, father of Robert, father of Richard, father of Robert, father of Willm, father of Giles Clavile; by whoſe death in 43. Eliz. the ſame diſcended to William his ſonne and heire, then aged about 70. yeares, and a batchelor: But the ſame yeare, maryinge with Elizabeth a younge gentlewoman, daughter of Edward Baſſett Eſquire then dwellinge at Ewley, did by his Deed dated the 21th of May Anno 43. Eliz. pd, convey to her vſe the ffee ſimple of this, and all other his lands; And ſhortly after dyed, leavinge her (as talke comonly was) both a widowe and maid; who in January after, A^o^ 44. Eliz. maryed with Thomas Pointz, ſecond ſonne of Mathew Pointz Eſq^r^ then of Alderley, who have a plentifull poſterity and are ſtill livinge, inhabitinge vpon this ancient farme place or Capitall Meſſuage.

What time this laſt Willm Clavile did his firſt ſuite at the three weekes Court of pleas for the hundred of Berkeley holden at Berkeley after the death of his father, for this land then lately diſcended vpon him, hee ſeriouſly complained to
74 mee of his fortune, farre worſe then of other men; enforced | through the old age of his father to ſtay for his fathers lands, till himſelfe was now become above 70. yeares old; The next newes of him I heard, was firſt of his maryage, and next of his death, and his wives inheritinge of his land from all kindred, wherof hee had many of his name.

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In the great Pipe roll in the Exchequer, in 46. H. 3, Robertus filius Walteri de Benecombe et Matilda vxor eius debent vnam m̃ca pro habenda aſſiſa. And by Roī Pateñ the ſame yeare in 46. H. 3. in dorſo, in the tower of London, An Aſſiſe was tryed betweene the ſaid Walter Bencombe and Maud his wife, and Wiłłm Berkeley of Durſley, for lands at Bencombe.

By an old rentall of the Manor of Wotton in the time of kinge E. 1. Robertus de Benecumb̃ tenet vnã virgatã terre p redd̃ p anñ ad 4. term̃—x.s et ſectam Curiæ de 3. in 3. ſepī, et ſervicium regale, et denarios ſc̃i Petri.

As for proofes for the tenure, And of 2. or 3. wardſhips which in ſeverall ages have thervpon byn had, I have therof elſwhere written in another booke.

The ſaid William Clavile left two brothers, ffrancis and Robert, who pretended title to theis lands after their brother William his death, but in vaine: who after releaſed by their ſeverall Deeds to the ſaid Thomas Pointz and his heires in A.º 5. Jacobi 1607. By the name of a Capitall meſſuage and farme houſe called Bencombs place, with all lands therto belonginge in Vley, Bagpath, Wotton vnderedge, Cowley, and Slimbridge.

Beoley. 75

Beoley, written alſo Beleigh, and Beele, is an ancient capitall Meſſuage called Beoley farme, or the farme of Beoley, with 100. acres of ground or therabouts therto belonginge, in the pariſh of Berkeley and tithinge of Came, which hath heertofore beene in ſome records reputed and called a manor, but was not nor is; nowe the inheritance of Edward Try genī and wheron hee dwelleth, by a late purchaſe by him made of Wiłłm Trye of Hardwicke Eſq̃ his eldeſt brothers ſonne and heire, in 7. Caroli, as after followeth; holden of the Caſtle of Berkeley by knight ſervice and ſute of court to the hundred of Berkeley from 3 weekes to 3 weekes, whereat one halfe pen̄y cheife rent is yearly accuſtomably received by the lord Berkeleys reeve of his manor of Hurſt, neereſt to which manor Beoly is, And as I take it, ſome ſcattered parts therof within Hurſt.

This Meſſuage and land with certaine other lands called Inwoods in Stinchcombe within the pariſh of Came, were by Maurice lord Berkeley the ſecond lord of

of that name, about the third yeare of kinge Edward the firſt, given to Sir Robert Berkeley knight ſecond ſonne of him the faid lord Maurice, and to his heires ; As alſo at or neere the ſame time was the manor of Arlingham, as before I have written ſol : 53. See more in ſol : 347, 345.

This Sir Robert Berkeley who dyed about 28. E. 1. left this land of Beoley to Thomas Berkeley his ſecond ſonne, and his heires, comonly therby called Thomas of Beoly, who (as an Inquiſicon in the Tower of London in 15. E. 2. concerninge rebells lands ſheweth,) was found to have adhered and taken part with Maurice lord Berkeley his cozen againſt that kinge and Hugh Earle Spenſer, wherby his land of Beoly came to that kinge by Eſcheate, and ſoe continued for about 5. yeares, till by the revolucon of time that kinge was taken and brought priſoner to Berkeley caſtle, where hee was moſt barbarouſly murdered, as in the life of that lord Maurice and of the lord Thomas his ſonne and heire, I have more largely written in my hiſtory of their family ; And in 1. E. 3. this Thomas was reſtored to theis lands with the meane profitts, to hold as before of old hee did, as by a generall Act of parliament in 1. E. 3. appeares.

This Thomas Berkeley of Beoley, by Maud his wife, had iſſue John and Margaret, and dyed about 6. E. 3. which John dyed in his minority without iſſue in 20. E. 3. then in ward to the faid Thomas lord Berkeley for this land, leavinge the faid Margaret his ſiſter and heire ; who was firſt maryed to Walter Shoile, by whom ſhee had noe iſſue, and after remaryed to Raph Try (written ſomtimes Rawlyn,) who had iſſue William who dyed in the life of his father without iſſue, and John Try who dyed in , leavinge iſſue John Trye, (for by Willm his elder brother was noe iſſue ;) And the faid John by Katherine his wife daughter and heire of | 76 Nicholas Tuffely, had iſſue William Try, who by Iſable his wife daughter of James lord Berkeley and ſiſter of William Marques Berkeley, (whom hee maryed in 16. E. 4.) had iſſue William Trye, and dyed in 13. H. 7. (the faid Iſable dead 6. yeares before,) which William ſonne of William, by Anne his wife daughter of Thomas Baynham Eſquire, and widowe of Mr Clifford, had iſſue Edward Trye, and dyed in 16. H. 8. The faid Edward dyed in 18. H. 8. within 3. yeares after the death of his father, and by Sibill his wife left iſſue John Trye, who dyed 33. H. 8. levinge iſſue John Trye, by Elizabeth his wife daughter and coheire of Mr Gurney of Suffolke ; which John ſonne of John dyed in 33. Eliz. and by Margaret his wife daughter of Mr Skipwith, left iſſue Willm Trye, who dyed in 8. Jacobi. And by Mary his wife daughter of William Tirrell had iſſue William Trye, before menconed

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to have alyened to the faid Edward his vncle in fee. Of this pedegree fee fol : 345. 362.

More of this ancient farme or Capital Meffuage is to bee read in theis Records, vz,

Inquifitio. 37. E. 3. de feodis de Berkeley in Scc̃io. per fervic̃ militare.
Inq : 13. H. 7. poft mortem Wiłłi Trye.
Inq : 16. H. 8. poft mortem Wiłłi Trye.
Inq : 18. H. 8. poft mortem Edr̃i Trye.
Inq : 33. H. 8. poft mortem Joħis Trye. 2 ꝑs in Com̃i Lincolñ.
Inq : 8. Jacobi, poft mortem Wiłłi Trye.
Inq : 17 Caroli poft mortem Edr̃i Try : ten̄t de Georgio Dn̄o Berkeley et ꝑ Secta Cur̄ et ꝑ quod ferviciū ignorant.

An Inquificon̄ in 50. H. 3. nº 48. And another in 1. E. 1. finde, That Wiłłm Mauduit held a Carucate of land in Beoley of the lord Berkeley, and halfe a yard more there of the lord of Kingfton in Hurft in the parifh of Slimbridge : which halfe yard land came fhortly after to the Abbot of Kingfwood, and is nowe the fee of

And more, 9. acres of land and 3. acres of meadowe in Beoley of Peter of Stintefcombe. And more, 1. meffuage and 1. yard land in Beley of Henry Berkeley de Durfley : And was attainted of felony and hanged, for beinge againft the kinge in the feidge of Marleborowe and in the battell of Lewes, And that the kinge had had the yeare, day, and waft. This came fhortly to the Abbot of Kingfwood, and is nowe the fee of

By deed about 12. H. 3. Tho : lord Berkeley gave to Henry his fonne in fee, totā rudiggam Suam de Buleia, quæ fuit de dominico fuo de Cam, et tendit de regali ftrato de longo in longum vſq; ad pontem de Beleia : Salvo regali fervicio, tantū ſcłt quantū ad dimidiam virgatam terræ ꝑtinet. Redd̄—8ᵈ ꝑ añ. In Berkeley Caftle |

Berkeley.

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Berkeley: In the booke called Domefdei written Berchelai, And in the Saxon tongue Beorkenlau : The place I heere defcribe is the Burgh, Burrowe or Market towne of Berkeley, and the Caftle adioyninge therto, holden of the kinge by knight fervice

ſervice in Capite; And as it were The head or principall place of the Barony of Berkeley, the ꝑſent inheritance of George lord Berkeley.

Of this Towne the booke of Domeſdei hath only thus: Ibi vnum forum in quo manent 17. homines, et reddunt cenſum in firma; wherof read more in the deſcription of Hame. fol: 209.

Markett. In this towne a market is holden each Tueſday, by the grant of kinge Henry the ſecond made in the firſt yeare of his raigne to Robert the ſonne of Hardinge and his heires, wherby the kinge granted to him to have in his Manor of Berkeley, liberum marcheium cum omnibus libertatibus quæ ad marcheium[1] pertinent, quacunque die ſeptimanæ voluerit, et monetam cum proprio monetario ſuo; vz, A free market with all liberties to a market belonginge, what day of the weeke him beſt liked, and money there of his owne ſtampinge or Coynage: Whervpon Tueſday was choſen, which ſo continueth to this day: yet it is apparant by the ſaid booke of Domeſdei that here was a market in the time of William the Conqueror, and before in the time of Edward the Confeſſor, if forum, ſignify there a market.

ffaire. But I finde not that the lords of this market towne had any faire heere before that Thomas lord Berkeley the fourth of that name did in the 18th yeare of kinge Richard the ſecond, obtaine of that kinge to have one there holden, on the Vigill and day of the invention of holy Croſſe, called Holy Rood day, in May with all liberties and free cuſtomes to ſuch a faire apptaininge, which ſoe alſo continueth to this day; contentinge themſelves with the faires formerly obtained in their townſhips of Wotton, Durſley, Newport, and Cambridge, within their hundred of Berkeley, (not mentioninge the market and faire granted to the Abbot and Covent of St Auguſtines in their manor of Almondeſbury, wherof I have formerly written,) as in the deſcription of thoſe places is to bee read: The reaſon wherof ſeemes in part to have beene, for that in times ſoe active and ſtirringe as all thoſe former ages were, the lords of this towne would not drawe ſuch a concourſe of people of all ſorts, as then when the way to London was ſcarce frequented, accuſtomably reſorted to Cuntry faires, ſoe neere to their Caſtle gates, wherby ſoe important a peece might by their oppoſites ſodainly and eaſily have been ſurpriſed. Which name alſo
Burgh. of Burgh or Burrowe, notes vnto vs from the Saxon, that the place very anciently
78 was fortified, the prints wherof in | ſome places not yet digged downe and waſhed out; The name alſo of Lockfaſt-bridge yet remaininge, leadinge to the towne from Hame over the further ewe or water, ſeemeth to imply as much.

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[1] See Ante, Note B, Vol. I., page 62.

From which lord Robert this Burrowe and market towne by his death in 17. H. 2. diſcended and came to the lord Maurice his ſonne and heire; And by his death in 1. R. 1. to the lord Robert his ſonne and heire; And by his death without iſſue in 4. H. 3. to the lord Thomas his brother and heire; And by his death in 28. H. 3. to the lord Maurice his ſonne and heire; And by his death in 8. E. 1. to the lord Thomas his ſonne and heire; And by his death in 14. E. 2. to the lord Maurice his ſonne and heire; And by his death in 20. E. 2. to the lord Thomas his ſonne and heire; who, A die paſche in vnū menſem in 23. E. 3. by ffine, (as alſo by Deeds,) entayled this (amongſt other manors and lands) with a render to himſelfe for life, The remainder to Maurice his ſonne and heire apparant and the heires males of his body, the remainder to the ſaid lord Thomas and the heires males of his body, the remainder to the right heires of him the ſaid lord Thomas: By whoſe death 12. yeares after in 35. E. 3, it came to the poſſeſſion of the ſaid lord Maurice; And by his death in 42. E. 3. to the lord Thomas his ſonne and heire; And by his death in 5. H. 5. without iſſue male of his body, to the lord James his nephew and heire male, as beinge ſonne a nd heire of Sir James, who dyed 6. H. 4. brother of the ſaid lord Thomas: And by the death of the ſaid lord James in 3. E. 4. to the lord William his ſonne and heire; who in 21. E. 4. was created Viſcont Berkeley, And in 1. R. 3. Earle of Nottingham, And in 3. H. 7. **Marques Berkeley,** with the Offices of Earle Marſhall and great Marſhall of England; Which William in 4. H. 7. entayled this manor (amongſt many others) with a render to himſelfe and the heires of his body, The remainder to that kinge H. 7. and to the heires males of his body, the Remainder to the right heires of him the ſaid William; By whoſe death the 14th of ffebr: in the 7th yeare of that kings raigne, without any iſſue of his body, This of Berkeley and many others, by that and other ffines and conveyances, came to that kinge and the heires males of his body, And from him to his ſonne kinge Henry the 8th and the heires males of his body, And from him to his ſonne kinge Edward the ſixth, who dyed without iſſue male or female; wherby after 61. yeares, 4. monthes, and 20. daies, this Berkeley Towne with many other manors, entailed upon kinge H. 7. as aforeſaid, reverted to Henry lord Berkeley as right heire to the ſaid William lord Marques Berkeley, then | of the age of Nyneteene yeares; As beinge ſonne and heire of 79
Thomas lord Berkeley, who dyed in 26. H. 8, ſonne and heire of Thomas lord Berkeley who died in 24 H. 8, brother and heire of Maurice lord Berkeley who died without iſſue in 15. H. 8, ſonnes of Maurice lord Berkeley who died in 22. H. 7, brother and heire of the ſaid William lord Marques Berkeley. And by the death of the ſaid Henry lord Berkeley in 11. Rꝑ. Jacobi, the ſame diſcended to his

his grandchilde and heire George lord Berkeley aforefaid, fonne of Sir Thomas Berkeley knight, only fonne of the faid lord Henry, who dyed in 9. Jacobi p̃d. ; which is fomwhat the more pticulerly heere fet downe, becaufe I intend to this place to referre other Manors of like difcent and conveyances : As alfo I may my reader to theis Exchequer records, vz, Mich : Rec̃. 1. Mar̃. Rot. 50. Pafch : 1. Eliz. Rot. 36. Originat : 1. et. 2. Ph : & Mar̃. 2. ps. Rot. 68. Originat 2. ps. 2. et 3. Ph : & Mar̃. Rot. 73. And inrolled with the Auditors, Mich̃ term̃, 4. et 5. Ph : & Mar̃. bis.

This towne of Berkeley is feated on an hill and hill fide though not of the greateft, confiftinge of theis ftreets, vz, High ftreet, Salter ftreet, Marybroke ftreet ats Madbrook ftreet, Redcum ftreet, Canonbury ats Spurryers ftreet, and S: Michaells lane : with fome others, whofe houfes are longe fince decayed : ffrom hence it beholds Cottefwald hills, the fforreft of Deane, the river of Severne, and the city of Gloucefter, fower remarkeable eminencies.

The Towne it felfe was fo much demolifhed in the raignes of kinge Henry the fixt and of kinge Edward the fowerth, through the incurfions futes and feidges laid about it, and the Caftle adioyninge, by Richard Beauchamp earle of Warwicke and his wives coheires, That the ftreet called S: Michaell ftreet, and fome others, are not now to bee found, other then in old Rentalls and evidences before that time, which declare that fuch there were ; And that thirty pounds of old rent which before thofe devaftations it yealded to the lord is nowe as ever fince come downe to Ten pounds per ann : confiftinge only of 80. houfholds at this day: And in many old Deeds is called nova villa, but where or how neere to it vetus villa, the old towne, was feated, or whether in part of this that nowe is, I cañot affirme.

The Towne vnderlyeth the government of a Maior and his brethren, fuch as have byn maiors ; But was never any other incorporacõn but by prefcription, nor ever had any Burgeffe for the parliament, which I have much fought after : yet divers grants have very anciently byn made to them by the name of the Burgeffes|
80 and marchants of Berkeley their heires and affignes ; By which words Maurice lord Berkeley in 46. H. 3. releafed to them all exaction and clayme of Toll, and all kinds of Thallage or Toll which hee had or might demaund of them. And Thomas lord Berkeley, father of the faid lord Maurice, about 20. H. 3, granted to the Burgeffes of Berkeley to have comon of pafture without the Towne of Berkeley, as they were wont to have, And that none of them fhould bee chofen Reeve againft his will, And that no Attachments fhould bee made in the Burrow of Berkeley

Berkeley but by the Reeve or bayly of the burrowe: But however affaires have gone of old the inhabitants may bee faid to have at this day, **nomen ſine re**; and may better boaſt of their market Townes antiquity, then the towne of their abillity or government amongſt themſelves.

The little ryver that ariſeth in Nibley a village three miles from Berkeley, hath its courſe by the ſide of this towne, and thence into the river of Severne about a myle belowe the towne; which when it meeteth with ſalt water ſomwhat above Berkeley, it looſeth its name of Doverley, And then againſt the towne of Berkeley a little beneath the towne mill, als the Caſtle mill, maketh a pretty ſafe haven cloſe by the towne ſide, whither barkes of 40. tunnes and more doe come and ſafely ride at ſpringe tides: ffrom whence in times paſt great profits came to the lords of this burrowe towne, as appeares by many of their evidences which I have read for warfage and Toll, which may ſeeme to have cauſed the purchaſinge of thoſe charters in the time of kinge Henry the third formerly mentioned; noe other memoriall therof, in effect, now remaininge, ſave of two pence for wheelage, taken by the Maior for every wayne load of coale, wyne, oyle, ſalt, and the like, there vnladen and caryed through the towne.

Averys ſtocke and Averys land.

A race of ancient ffreeholders (wherof Robert Avery who lived in the time of kinge Edward the ſecond, ſonne and heire of Richard Avery, was the laſt of that ſirname,) have by their longe poſſeſſion and ſeiſin of divers lands and tenements neere adioyninge to this haven and place of landinge and vnladinge of marchandize, given not only the name of Averies ſtocke to this place, But to his old mantion houſe alſo adioyninge called Averyes place, to this day; though the ſtocke called Averyes and the landinge place of wares bee parcell of the waſt ground of the manor; which meſſuage and lands by the heire generall of Robert Avery came to John Payne, who in 26. H. 6. conveyed part of theſe lands to John Dirlinge and Iſable his wife, daughter and heire of William Skott, and to the heires of their bodies, The remainder to John Thorpe of Wainſwell and Margaret his wife, and to the heires of their bodies, with divers remainders over; The eſtate tayle of | Dirlinge and his wife was ſoone ſpent; wherby the ſame came to John Thorpe and 81
Margaret his wife, who had iſſue Richard Thorpe father of Thomas Thorpe, father of Thomas, father of Nicholas, father of George, who in 15. Regis Jacobi ſold the ſame to Thomas Machin and his heires; who ſince ſold the ſame to Walter Abevan.

The other part of theis Averies lands and Averyes place, the ſaid Iſable wife of John Dirlinge, in her widowhood, in the firſt yeare of kinge E. 4. granted to

Wiſm

Willm Ruſſell, als Gwillam and to Margery his wife her daughter, and to their heires; which after came to the foreſaid family of the Thorps of Waniſwell, and ſold by the ſaid George Thorpe to the ſaid Thomas Machin by the ſame conveyance.

Alſo I have ſeene a Deed dated 11. Julij. 3. E. 4. wherby Richard Clavile and Agnes his wife, granted to John Thorpe and to Margaret his wife, and to the heires of the ſaid John, one houſe and 4. ſhops infra le Averyes, cum vna porta ibm et pcella terræ iuxta eandem terram, ac vnā paſturā vocat̃ Averyes greene iuxta curſum aquæ Sabrinæ, et vnū Croftū ibm et vnū aliud croftū, boundinge them pticulerly, which the ſaid Richard Clavile and Agnes had, (ſaith this deed,) ex feoffamento Willi Ruſſell als Gwillam Ruſſell et Margeriæ vxori eius; which nowe Thomas Machin hath as aforeſaid.

And ſuch of ancient daies ſeemes to have byn the concourſe of people to this market towne, And therby the vent or vtterance of drinke, That the Tolceſters or brewings of ale, for ſoe I engliſh the latine word (tolceſtrum,) at the Innes and Alehouſes, yealded yearly to the lord therof—7li. and 8li. after the rate of 4d. and 6d. for every brewinge, which intimates a vaſt proportion; which now is not one penny and yet a maſſe of ale and beere drowned in the gutts of drunkards. And vſually, till the end of kinge Edward the third, were 4. Leets or Lawdaies, viewes of franke pledge, yearly held in this towne, wherat ſuch preſentments were, which ſince have byn reduced to two.

Pariſh Church. The pariſh church ſeated in this towne anſwereth in greatnes to the large extent of the pariſh, built at firſt as it ſeemeth with aptnes and relation to the greatnes of the lords demeſne lands, and his numbers of Tenancies within the limitts therof; which from the place called ffillimores bridge by Hurſt, which parteth it from Slimbridge pariſh, to the further end of Hille als Hull, next Oldbury, which parteth it from Thornbury pariſh, is eight longe miles in a rich and fruitfull ſoile; And from the midſt of Severne (acroſſe the former length) to Marten
82 and Swynburne bridges in Nibley, which parteth it from | the pariſh of Wotton, (to which Church Nibley is a Chaple,) neere as many miles more; wherby it may ſeeme there was good cauſe for the Abbotts of St. Auguſtine by Briſtoll for their buildinge of eight tythe Barnes of noe meane greatnes for the Inninge of the tyth corne therof, which yet there continue; As the Tyth barne of Canonbury, of Hame, of Wike, of Stone, of Bliſbury, of Hill, of Oldminſter, and of Bradſton; within the lymit of which Tyth barne of Hame, a cuſtome hath anciently prevailed to pay three

three pence in money for the tith hay of every acre mowed, and not in kinde; which received a refoluc̃on accordingly in a ſuite betweene Hooper and Mallet in 38. Eliz. wherin my ſelfe was a Cōmiſſioner for examinac̃on of Witneſſes.

In this pariſh are two Chaples of eaſe, as they are comonly called, Stone, and Hill als Hull, wherof more in their alphabeticall courſes. fol: 225. 355.

The Church and Advowſon of this pariſh with its Chapples was by Robert the ſonne of Hardinge, the firſt lord Berkeley in the time of kinge Henry the ſecond, given (amongſt others) to the Monaſtery of S: Auguſtines aforeſaid at his firſt foundac̃on therof; which the Abbot and Covent ſhortly after found meanes, with the Biſhop of Worceſter and an incumbent of their owne preſentinge, to appropriate with others. The guiſt is in theis words.

Robertus filius Hardingi Omnibus hominibus et amicis ſuis, et vniuſis ſanctæ eccleſiæ fidelibus, ad quos hæc carta pveniit, ſalutem: Sciatis quòd cùm Dñs Rex Henr̃ Maner̃ de Berchał et totam Berchalei h̄neſſe mihi in ſeodum et hereditatem dediſſet, et carta ſua confirmavit, cum omnibus libertatibus et rebus ad Berchalei h̄neſſe pertinentibus, in eccleſiis, in nemoribus, in pratis et paſturis, et in omnibus alijs rebus, ſicut fuerant tempore H: regis avi fui; ego conſenſu et aſſenſu iꝑus d̄ni mei regis, Eccl̄eias de Berchalei herneſſe, ſcilt eccl̄eiam de Berchał, et eccl̄eiā de Wotton, et eccl̄eiam de Beverſton, et ecctiam de Eſſelleſw̄rd et ecctiam de Almondeſbur̃, ſingulas cum capellis et terris et libertatibus ad iꝑas ecctias ꝑtineñ, pro ſalute animæ m[e]æ et Dñi mei regis et anteceſſoꝝ meoꝝ, et vxoris meæ et liberoꝝ meoꝝ, Dedi et conceſſi ecctie ſancti Auguſtini de Briſtoll, et Canonicis regularibus ib̄m deo ſervientibus, in perpetuam et liberam eleemoſinam, nullo iure retento mihi vel heredibus meis in predictis ecctijs cùm eas vacare contigerit. Similiter et omnes eccleſias de Berchalez herneſſe vbicunq; fuerint, cum capellis et omnibus omniū pertinentijs, dedi et conceſſi predictis canonicis in perpetuam elemoſinam, et hac mea carta confirmavi. Hijs teſtibus, Henrico decano Moreton et Mauricio fratre eius, Cerino | perſona ecctie de Wotton, Galfrido Capellano, Nigello filio Arturi, Reginaldo 83
perſona ecctie de Cam̄a, Witło de Saltemar̃, et Adam fratre eius, Helie filio Hardingi, Ric̃o ſcriptore, et Alano de Bedmeniſtra.

As for the other churches of Berkelei herneſſe not heere mentioned (with the former) in perticuler, as Cromhall, Came, Horſeild, Slimbridge, Durſley, Vley, Cowley, Kingſweſton, Arlingham, and ſome others, I conceive that they formerly were given

given, either by the faid lord Robert or by kinge Henry or by Mawd the Empreffe his mother or by kinge Henry 1, to the Monafteries of St Peter of Glouc̃, and of Readinge, and of others: And the Abbot of Redinge, (of the foundac̃on of the faid Empreffe Mawd,) pretended foe ftronge a title to this of Berkeley and fome others, That this Monaftery of St Auguftines paid to the faid Monaftery of Readinge for the fame a pention of—13^li. 6^s 8^d from this time till the Diffoluc̃on of both thofe Monafteries in 31. H. 8. As in the hiftory and life of the faid lord Robert I have elfwhere written. And wherof alfo more (heere to have byn incerted) may bee formerly read in Almondefbury fol: 47. And in Arlingham. fol: 55. And in Afhelworth fol: 66. And in Cromhall fol. 165.

The Abbot of St Auguftines beinge thus feazed of theis Churches and Advowfons by the grant of the lord Robert fonne of Hardinge, as aforefaid, They found meanes in the time of the lord Maurice his fonne to appropriate and convert to their owne vfes and for the better feedinge of themfelves, theis fower churches formerly mentioned; as by the Deed of the Bifhop of Worcefter appeareth, wherof the effect and fubftance followeth, as breifly as I could abftract the fame: who (faith the Bifhop) takinge confideraco̅n of the honeft converfac̃on of the Abbotts of this monaftery and Cannons there, and of the poverty of their houfe, and of their diligent care as well in receivinge of ftrangers as in nourifhinge of poore people, doth take their whole monaftery churches and ecclefiafticall goods into his protection: And to the end the benefits which from the firft foundac̃on of their houfe have byn beftowed on them might more abundantly to Gods honour bee dilated, doth by his epifcopall authority grant vnto them that they may convert to their proper vfe the fruits of the Churches of Berkeley Wotton Almondefbury and Afhelworth, for the fuftentac̃on of the faid Channons receivinge of guefts and reliefe of poore people: Savinge alwaies this dignity of his Church of Worcefter, and honeft fuftentac̃on of the Vicar fervinge in the faid churches. But howe or in what other certainty the Vicaridges were nowe or after endowed, I have not yet feene. But howe faire foever the gloffe bee, Appropriacons are at this day cenfured by divines to bee one of thofe monftrous births of Covetoufnes begotten in the darke night of fuperftition and yet fuffered to live in this day light of the gofpell, to the great hindrance of learninge, the impoverifhment of the miniftery, decay of hofpitallity, and infamy of our religion and profeffion. |

84 This Church or Appropriac̃on of Berkeley in the hands of the farmors therof is accompted worth—350^li. by the yeare, in tith graine and hay: And the vicaridge worth in leffer tythes—150^li. by the yeare. The

The appropriacon of the Church, as alſo the Vicaridge, which is preſentative, belonge to the Deane and Chapiter of Briſtoll, of newe erected in 34. H. 8. beinge then made one of the ten Deanaries, then by that kinge founded and endowed of newe: Of which Church the bleſſed virgin Mary was the tutelarly ſainte, to whom the ſame was dedicated: and vnder whoſe protection it remained, as divers Deeds doe ſhewe.

And if compariſons were as lawfull in the makinge, as comonly they proove offenſive in the matchinge, I would reckon this pariſh of Berkeley in all valuable reſpects before any other in this County.

I have, from the viccar of this pariſh, and eſpecially from John Hall for many yeares tenant and farmer to Edward Greene vicar, byn informed, that they have had 110. yea 130. tythe calves, nay more, in one yeare, yet hee that hath ſix or vnder in a year, paies none; wherby the greatnes of the breed of Rother cattle may bee conceived, which by reaſon of the yearly decay of tillage, and convertinge arrable ground into paſture, canot but increaſe, makinge the vicaridge better, and the rectory worſe. Vicaridge.

Of able men in this pariſh fitt for warre betweene 20. and 60. yeares old, at a generall muſter taken by Henry lord Berkeley then Lieutenant of the county, which appeared before him, whoſe names ages and abillities of body were then taken, and after by my ſelfe and Clarkes entered into a booke, were—483. vz, in this burrow towne—97. In Hame manor. 187, In Alkington. 106, In Hinton—46, In Bradſton—11, And in Hill—37. Able men in the Pariſh

In payment of the fifteene or kingeſilver when it is granted by parliament, The onus or Charge of this Burrow or market towne is in the exchequer—3li. 11s. 8d. qs. The deduction for the decay therof is—20s. The Remanet paid into the Exchequer is 51s. 8d. qs. by the Collector. ffifteene.

In the laſt Subſedy in the 5th yeare of kinge Charles were in this towne 9. ſubſedy men, who paid—3li. 2s. 8d. Subſedy.

And of trayned Souldiers now are vnder Willm Thorpe Eſqs their Captaine—8, wherof 1. Corſlet and 7. muſketts. Trayned ſouldiers.

And

Rates. And if the whole Diviſion called Berkeley diviſion (eſteemed a 4th part of the whole county,) bee rated to pay in any taxe for Kinge or Comon wealth—100li, This hundred of Berkeley therof paies—33li. 3s. And this towne of Berkeley—4s.

Tyth barne. In the northeaſt end of this towne, ſtandeth one of the 8. tith barnes called Can-bury als Canonbury barne, worth by the yeare—[blank.] |

85 Chantryes. The lady Katherine Berkeley, the widow of that Thomas lord Berkeley the third lord of that name, who dyed in 35. E. 3, did in the dayes of her huſbands grandchilde and heire in 8. R. 2.[1] found a Chantry in the ſaid pariſh church of Berkeley, for a Chaplen and his ſucceſſors perpetually to pray at the Alter of St Andrewe in that church, for the good eſtate of her ſelfe, and of Thomas then lord Berkeley, and of the lady Margaret his wife; endowinge the ſame with divers lands and tenemts in Berkeley, Alkington, and Hame manors; ffor which, after an Inquiſicon found vpon a writt of **Ad quod damnum** remaininge in the Tower of London in 7. R. 2. ſhee obtained the kings licence for that alienacon in Mortmaine, And thervpon alſo a confirmacon from the Biſhop of Worceſter; And from that Alter was called St Andrewes Chantry vntill the diſſolucon therof in 1. E. 6.; Out of which George lord Berkeley that now is receiveth from the kings receiver an yearly cheife rent of—5s. As likewiſe his Anceſtors have done ſince the foundinge therof.

Of our Lady. In this church alſo, Thomas lord Berkeley in [ ] E. 3. founded an other Chantry, which was called St Maries Chantry or our Ladies chantry, endowinge the ſame with divers lands and tenements in , Out of which the ſaid George lord Berkeley that now is receiveth of the kings receiver an yearly cheife rent of—14s. 10d, as likewiſe his anceſtors ever did ſince the foundinge therof, though the inheritance of the ſaid lands bee longe ſince ſold away by the Crowne, as after followeth. Of the Advowſons of which two Chantries Thomas lord Berkeley is, by an Inquiſicon after his death in 5. H. 5, found to dye feiſed.

Of S. Maurice In this Church alſo was another Chantry called the Chantry of St Maurice founded in E. 3. with divers lands and tenements therto given, by , for maintenance of the preiſt celebratinge at that Alter: which likewiſe cominge to kinge E. 6. in the firſt yeare of his raigne by Act of parliaments, were by him granted in fee, As alſo part of the lands belonginge to our ladies Chantry, to Burchier, who ſold part of them to Hall, and

[1] It was founded 7 Rich. II. See Rot. Pat. of that year, pars 2. membr. 1. [Ed.]

and hee to Edward Hall and William Hall in fee, which William dyed in 11. Regis Caroli. In which grant the kinge referved a tenure of his Caftle of Berkeley by fealty only, wherof that kinge was then feifed, to him and the heires males of his body. And the chantry lands belonginge to the chantry in the faid Church called Berkeleys Chantry, with fome others, were by kinge E. 6. in the fecond of his raigne granted in fee to Sir John Thin and Lawrence Hide, As by the grant inrolled in the Chancery, And after in 3. pte originał in fcc̃io. in 2 : E. 6. Rot. 26. cum Remem̃ Thefauř, appeares. |

A part of theis chantry lands remained in the crowne from the diffolucõn in 86
1. E. 6. till 5. Jacobi, when that kinge by his łres patents dated 1. Junij a° 5to p̃d, granted the fame (amongft many others) to Sir William Herricke and Sir Arthur Ingram and their heires, To hold of Eaft greenwich in free and comon foccage, paying the ancient rent of, 41s 4d, paid to this day by the heires and affignes of Arnold Oldifworth and George Thorpe Efqs, To whom the faid patentees by their Deed inrolled in Chancery, dated 25. Junij. Anno fexto Rę Jacobi p̃d, fold the fame, payinge the rent aforefaid ; fhortly after fcattered by them to other men vpon their feverall fales, who amongft them pay the faid rent of—41s 4d to this day a° 1639.

The Lords of this Manor anciently vfed to pay to the bifhop of Worcefter Peter pence.
yearly—16s 11d in the name of Peter pence, And hee the fame (with others) to the bifhop of Rome : which beinge vnpaid for certaine yeares by reafon their lands came into the hands of kinge Edward the fecond, by the rebellion of Maurice lord Berkeley, qui propter inimicitiam et rebellionem fibi impofitas voluntati regis fe reddidit, The bifhop was now reftored to have them againe paid vnto him as anciently hee had ; As theis Records in the tower of London doe fhewe ; Rot. Claufs de terř forisfact. 15. E. 2. ps. 2. membr. 2. And Rot. clauš. 16. E. 2. membr. 26. And Rot. clauš. 15. et 16. E. 2. ps. 2. membr. 8. when reftitucõn was awarded to the bifhop of the faid Peter pence, and all the former matters recited.

In the foutheft end of this towne is feated the Caftle of Berkeley, a great Berkeley Caftle.
part wherof was built out of the ruines of the Nunnery which ftood in the fame place, which was demolifhed by the practice of Earle Goodwyn in the time of kinge Edward the Confeffor, as formerly hath byn written fol : 1. et 2. The buildinge of this Caftle was by kinge Henry the fecond in the time of kinge Stephen, whilft the faid Henry was Duke of Normandy, as plainly appeares by a Deed of the faid Duke Henries made to Robert the fonne of Harding, wherin the Duke doth

doth acknowledge to have covenanted with the faid Robert to build for him there a Caftle, accordinge to the will of him the faid Robert, and then gave his oath to performe the fame, As alfo did nyne other noble men with the Duke; The words wherof in the originall deed, are Et pepigi et firmare ibi caftellum fecundum voluntatem ipfius Roberti, Et ego per fidem meam affidavi ei pactiones fupradictas tenere illi atque heredibus fuis; Et hoc idem affidavit Reginaldus Comes Cornubiæ &c. And I have covenanted with the faid Robert to build him a caftle at Berkeley accordinge to his owne defire, And have | alfo fworne to him by my faith to performe the fame agreement with him and his heires, And the fame with mee is fworne by Reginald Earle of Cornwall, and eight others (named in this deed.)

Roberto Berkeley.

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And to fee this buildinge the better yet performed, the faid Duke Henry, not longe before the death of kinge Stephen, came in perfon to Berkeley: howbeit it is certaine that at this firft buildinge the Caftle contained noe more then the Inmoft of the three gates and the buildings within the fame; ffor the two vnmoft gates and all the buildings belonginge vnto them (fave the Keepe,) were the additions of the lord Maurice eldeft fonne of the lord Robert, in the later end of kinge H. 2. and of the lord Thomas the fecond of that name, in 6. E. 2. and of the lord Thomas the third of that name, in 18. E. 3. And as for the great kitchen, (great indeed,) ftanding without but adioyninge to the keepe of the caftle, it was the worke of kinge Henry the feaventh at his firft entrance into the poffeffion therof, about the Nynth yeare of his raigne, fhortly after the death of William Marques Berkeley, who had conveyed the fame (amongft others) to that kinge, as before appeareth fol: 78. 79.

Chaples.

In this Caftle were of late yeares, (not yet wholly ruined or deformed,) two beautifull Chapples or oratories, indowed with divers priviledges from the Bifhops of Rome, The one of them in that part of the Caftle called the Keepe, with a goodly well of water vnder it, The other at the vpper end of the great hall ftaires leadinge to the great dyninge chamber; And for the devout keepinge of the ornaments therto belonginge, divers allowances were by the Lords yearly made, As by divers deeds and accounts in the evidence houfe in this caftle appeares.

Maurice lord Berkeley the fourth lord of that name, in 38. E. 3. obtained of Pope Vrbane the fecond by his papall Bull and power, That to the end his two chaples, the one of our lady the bleffed virgin and the other of St John Baptift, founded in the Caftle of Berkeley, might bee renued and frequented with due honors,

honors, forty dayes of pardon and releaſe of the penance enioyned to every one that ſhould in the ſaid Chapells in the feſtivall daies of the yeare, heare maſſes or ſay kneelinge three ave-maries, or ſhould give any veſtments ornaments gold ſilver bookes chalices or any other aides of charity to the ſaid Chaples: And that whoſoever ſhall there pray for him that obtained theis preſents, And for the life and good eſtate of the noble lord Maurice de Berkeley and of the noble Lady Elizabeth his wife, and of their children, and for the ſoules of the lord Thomas his father, And[1] beinge in purgatory, ſhall bee alſo releaſed of forty dayes of the penance enioyned them: And this | faculty grace or inſtrument, for the infalliblenes, is alſo vnder the 88
ſeales of eleaven of that Popes Cardinalls: perhaps alſo ſomwhat the rather procured by this lords wiſdome through the great ſchiſme of three Popes at once that then raigned in the church.

In this Caſtle and in this place called the Keepe it was where kinge Edward the ſecond in the dungeon chamber there was ſoe barbarouſly murdered, wherof I have at large already written in the life of the lord Thomas Berkeley the third of that name, in my hiſtory of that family.

Out of which dungeon, in the likenes of a deepe broad well goinge ſteepely downe in the midſt of the dungeon chamber in the ſaid Keepe, was (as tradition tells) drawne forth a Toad in the time of kinge Henry the ſeventh, of an incredible bignes, which in the deepe dry duſt in the bottome therof had doubtleſſe lived there divers hundreds of yeares; whoſe portraicture in iuſt dimention, as it was then to mee affirmed by divers aged perſons, I ſawe about 48. yeares agone drawne in colours vpon the doore of the great hall, and of the vtter ſide of the ſtone porch leadinge into that hall, ſince by pargettors or pointers of that wall waſhed out or outworne with time; which in bredth was more then a foot, neere 16. inches, and in length more: Of which monſtrous and outgrown beaſt the inhabitants of this towne and in the neighbour villages round about fable many ſtrange and incredible wonders, makinge the greatnes of this toad more then would fill a pecke, yea I have heard ſome who looked to have beleife ſay from the report of their fathers and grandfathers that it would have filled a buſhell or ſtrike, and to have byn many yeares fed with fleſh and garbage from the butchers; but this is all the trueth I knowe, or dare beleeve.

Reinulph

[1] There would appear to be ſomething omitted here, as is alſo in the Life of the Lord Maurice IV. (Vol. II., p. 372,) where this Charter is cited. Perhaps it was the name of the founder's mother, wife of the Lord Thomas. [Ed.]

Witch in Berkeley.

Reinulph of Chester in his Polichronicon hath thus of a witch that lived in this towne of Berkeley in the beginninge of the raigne of kinge Edward the Confessor, libro. 5. cap : 25. de a° 1046. which also I have read in an old manuscript booke called **Chronicon de Abington**, more ancient then the history of **Reinulph**, remaininge with Sir Robert Cotton, fol : 53. That about that time a certaine woman in Berkeley accustomed to evill arts, when as vpon a certaine day shee kept a feast, A Chough which shee vsed delicately to feede cackled more loud and distinctly then shee was wont to doe ; which when shee heard the knife fell out of her hand, her countenance waxed pale, and havinge fetched a deepe groane with a sigh said, now this day is the plowe come to my last furrowe ; which beinge said, A messenger cominge in declared to her the death of her sonne, and of all her family exposed to present ruine : The woman presently lay downe and called to her such of her other children as were monkes and a nunne, who cominge shee thus spake vnto them : I a wicked follower of an evill art and worse life, vainely thought to
89 have beene | defended by your praiers ; nowe I desire to be eased by you of my torments because Judgement is given against my soule ; but peradventure you may keepe my body if it bee fast sewed in a stags skin : make yee for mee a cheft of stone fast bound and cemented with iron and lead, settinge the same vpright, and also bound about with three iron chaines ; vse singers of psalmes for forty nights, and pay for soe many masses by daies ; And if I shall soe lye for three nights, on the fourth day bury my body in the ground ; But all was in vaine ; for in the two first nights which the psalmes were in soundinge, the divells havinge easily broken the doores as lightly brake the two vtmost iron chaines ; And on the third night about cocke crowinge, the place shakinge, one with a terrible countenance and of a mighty tall stature, havinge broken open the cover of the cheft comanded the dead body to arise, who answeringe that shee could not by reason of the bonds, bee thou loosed quoth hee, but to thy woe ; And presently all the barres beinge broken, hee draweth her out of the church and setteth her vpon a blacke horse neighinge before the doore, and soe went away with loud soundinge cries heard foure miles of ; Theis things, say mine authors, although very wonderfull yet are not to bee held incredible by any that read the fourth booke of Gregories dialogues, where the devills cast out a wicked man buried in the church.

Thus theis two old authors and some others : Every mans beleife is left to him selfe, and I knowe what my selfe thinketh therof and of the like : but, Hæc erat in toto notissima fabula mundo ; bee it a lye or a trueth it was generally beleived.

Learned

Learned Campden in his Britañia hath thus ; **Berkeley** is famous for a moſt ſtronge Caſtle ; A Maior who is the head magiſtrate, and eſpetially for the lords thereof diſcended from Robert fitz Harding, to whom kinge Henry the ſecond gave this place and Berkeley herneſſe ; Out of this houſe are branched many knights and genẽ of ſignall note ; And in the raigne of kinge Henry the ſeaventh flouriſhed William lord Berkeley who was honoured by kinge Edward the fourth with the ſtile of Viſcont Berkeley, by kinge Richard the third with the honor of Earle of Nottingham, (in regard of his mother daughter of Thomas Mowbray Duke of Norfolke and Earle of Nottingham,) and by kinge Henry the ſeventh with the office of Marſhall of England and dignity of Marques Berkeley ; But for that hee dyed iſſueleſſe, theis his titles dyed togeather with him. Campden of Berkeley.

If you bee willinge (ſaith Campden in the ſame place) to knowe by what a crafty fetch Goodwin Earle of Kent, a man moſt deepely pregnant in deviſinge howe to doe iniury, got the poſſeſſion of this place, you may read a fewe lynes out of Walter Mapeus who flouriſhed 430. yeares agone, and worth the readinge, beleeve mee, they are. Thus Campden. To which words before by mee mentioned in ſol : 2. et 3. I referre my reader. | Mape in bibliotheca Oxoñ.

Venerable Treviſa, ſomtimes Vicar of this Church of Berkeley, in his polichronicon. lib : 2. ca : 1. fol : 58. tells, that in the time of kinge Edward the third (what time hee writt) ſome in Ireland had but one bone, all whole in one ſide in ſtead of all his ribbs, as was to him affirmed ; But that Thomas Heyward (then of Berkeley) had in the mould of his head, poll and forehead, but one bone, all whole, which hee knoweth : and therfore (ſaith hee) might well ſuffer great ſtroakes above on his head without hurt. 90

The Name of this Towne I conceive to bee compounded of two Saxon words: vz, Berk, which is Birch : And lei, which ſomtimes is place, and ſomtimes water : And ſo from the place of birch trees, (wherof the great old outworne ſtumps of many of that kinde, heere only found, are yet remaininge ;) Or, from lei which is water, a ſituacõn moſt agreeable to the name, for three fourth parts in the groves of thoſe trees compaſſed with water ; wherto I enclyne, becauſe all the neighbouringe townes of that terminacõn, as Nybley, Bradley, Cowley, Durſley, Vley, Wortley, Alderley, Hilleſley, Stanley, and others, have rivers great or ſmall either runninge through or cloſe by them, or both. Name.

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The old booke of Knights fees in the Exchequer taken by Inquificõn before Richard de Rowell and his fellowes, faith, Thomas de Berkeley holds the Burrowe of Berkeley of the kinge in Capite: And that the Abbot of St Auguſtines by Briſtoll holds the fixt part of the ſaid towne of the ſaid Thomas in franke Almes, And hee in Capite.

And the booke called Domina villarum in the ſame Court, taken alſo by Inquificõn in 9. E. 2. faith, That in the hundred of Berkeley are two burrow townes, vz, Berkeley wherof Thomas de Berkeley is lord; And Durſeley wherof John the ſonne of Willm Berkeley is lord.

Freeholds within this burrowe or Market towne of Berkeley.

In this towne are ſundry freehold lands the inheritance of feverall men, as followeth; wherof in the high-ſtreet, is a meſſuage with an orchard and garden called the Hall, and divers other burgage houſes and lands in this towne, Alkington, and Hineton tithings, ſomtimes the lands of Robert Pointz, and after of Phillip Waterton of Waterton in Wales; To whom Thomas lord Berkeley the fourth of that name, firſt in 1. H. 4. gave the ſame for his life, and after in 1. H. 5. gave the ſame to him in taile; And after of Thomas Berkeley Eſquire yongeſt ſonne of James lord Berkeley, which Thomas by Margaret | his wife daughter and heire of Richard Guy of Mynſterworth, heire in tayle to the ſaid Phillip Waterton, had iſſue John Berkeley and ſix other ſonnes and daughters, of whom are diſcended the Berkelies of Worceſterſhire, Shropſhire, and other places; which lands the ſaid Thomas and Margaret by their Deed in 20. E. 4. ſetled vpon the ſaid John their eldeſt ſonne in tayle, with diũs remainders over; And after, the ſaid Thomas dyed at Berkeley in 2. R. 3. buried in the chancell of that church as his marble tombeſtone ſheweth; The ſaid John Berkeley died in 28. H. 8. leavinge iſſue John and Thomas, which John ſonne of John dyed in his yonger yeares without iſſue in 31. H. 8. wherby theis lands diſcended to the ſaid Thomas his brother and heire, which Thomas Berkeley by his deed dated 1. Dec. 4. et 5. Ph: & Mar: aliened a meſſuage with the appurtenants in Berkeley to Thomas Atwood of Hinton and his heires, called Brewarne houſe in highſtreet, next the land of the heires of Richard Berkeley on the north part, which is nowe the inheritance of

Berkeleis lands als Watertons.

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And the ſaid Thomas Berkeley afterwards by his other deeds in 6. et 7. Eliz: ſold his lands in Hinton to Anthony Hurne, father of John and Anthony, wherof read more

more in Hinton. fol: 231. And dyed at Berkeley in 20. Eliz: leavinge iſſue Jone and ffrances: Jone was firſt maryed to Morgan Griffith of Berkeley, to whom the ſaid Thomas Berkeley about the time of their marriage in 14. Eliz: conveyed part of his lands in Berkeley, and one cloſe containinge about three acres in the place called the further Actrees, to hold to them in ſpeciall tayle, the remainder in fee to Jone: And in Eaſter terme a° 14. Eliz. ꝑct, levied a fine therof: which Morgan and Jone had iſſue one ſonne and two daughters, of whom is iſſue: After the death of Morgan, the ſaid Jone was remaryed to Richard Oldland of Berkeley, by whom alſo ſhee had iſſue. And the ſaid ffrances Berkeley ſiſter of the ſaid Jone was maryed to John Smyth of Midleton, in Hinton, and had iſſue John Smyth that yet liveth and 8. other ſonnes and daughters: The poſterities of which Jone and ffrances have ſo ſcattered theis lands by their ſeverall ſales, That very little if any remaineth in diſcent at this day: And wheras the meſſuages and lands in this burrowe or market towne were (amongſt other ſervices) holden by the cheefe rent of 22ˢ the ſame is at this day paid by theis owners of ſeverall parts therof. vizᵗ, Edward Huntley paies —11ˢ James Baily—5ˢ Robert Atkins,—20ᵈ Richard Laverance—20ᵈ Willm Harvey—20ᵈ for one Tenement, And 12ᵈ for another: And ſome others purchaſors hold other parts, who pay no part of the ſaid rent, | as 92

, But whether the ſame bee holden by knight ſervice, or in Soccage, I certainly know not. See the Court rolls of Berkeley—31 H. 8. And

Berkeley Taverne.

Alſo in this market towne is an ancient Inne or wine Taverne, the ſigne of the Ivy buſh only, now in the tenure of Charles Jaye geñ, which havinge byn my rendevous for 48. yeares or more, I may not without ingratitude to the Buſh which ſo long agone firſt beckened mee thither, paſſe by, and not declare that it was an ancient part of the poſſeſſions of the great Monaſtery of Sᵗ Johns Jeruſalem in England, whoſe principall Houſe was in or neere the Pariſh of Clerkenwell, without Smythfeild barres by London: And that by the diſſolucõn of that Monaſtery in the 31. H. 8. it came (with all other the Pryors poſſeſſions) to that kinge, who in the yeare of his raigne (amongſt other things,) granted the ſame to Maurice Butcher als Burchier, who was father of William father of Thomas, who maryed with ffortune the daughter of Thomas Cole, after her huſbands death remaryed to Arthur Came, by whom ſhee had iſſue Thomas Came that now is: Which Thomas Butcher dyinge without iſſue, this Inne diſcended to his fower ſiſters and heires, vz, Elizabeth maryed to Edward Wallington, who had iſſue Willm Wallington of Wotton that nowe is, (1638.) Jone maryed to Thomas Bayly of Hame, who had iſſue

iſſue Jone, maryed to William Laverance of Berkeley that nowe are : Sarah, maryed to Richard Hickes of Bevington, who had iſſue Hickes : And Martha maryed to John Smyth of Painthurſt, after of Berkeley, who was the eldeſt ſiſter, and had iſſue William Smyth and others : And at this day three parts of this Taverne are the inheritance of the ſaid William Wallington, and the 4th part of the ſaid William Laverance, in right of his ſaid wife. Out of which and other lands in this towne ſometimes the ſaid Burchiers, George lord Berkeley lord of this manor receiveth an yearly cheeſe rent of—8s but I rather conceive that the rent is iſſuinge out of the other lands and noe part out of this ; concerninge which rent queſtion hath byn twice moved before mee as Steward there, yet vndetermined. |

93 Hickes land. **Alſo** in this Burrowe towne are two meſſuages orchards and gardens which ſaith an Inquiſiĉon in the Chancery in 38. H. 8. found after the death of John Hickes of Tortworth, are holden of the Caſtle of Berkeley by the yearly rent of five ſhillings fower pence and ſute of Court. And of another meſſuage and curtelage in Berkeley holden of the Manor of Canonbury late parcell of the poſſeſſions of the Monaſtery of St Auguſtines by Briſtoll, by the yearly rent of—16d And that John Hickes was ſonne and heire of the ſaid John, then 4. yeares old, who dyed in Eliz : leavinge iſſue Thomas Hicks, who dyed in 42. Eliz : leavinge iſſue Willm Hickes then 6. yeares old, As the Inquiſiĉon after his death that yeare found, doth ſhewe. Which William hath lately ſold theis meſſuages and lands by ſeverall Conveyances to Charles Jaye geñ, and to George Carpenter, and their heires : And the firſt menĉoned John who dyed in 38. H. 8. was ſonne of Richard ſonne of John Hickes, who dyed 23. H. 7. Of which name and family ſee more in Bevington in Hame fol : [103]

Berkeley church. **Concerninge** the Church of Berkeley and the Preſentaĉons to the vicarage therof, and of preſentaĉons in divers kings times to the Chantryes in that Church, at the Alters of our lady St Mary the Virgin, and of St Andrewe, and of St Maurice: And to the Chantry in Newport : and to the Chantry at the Alter of our bleſſed Lady in the Chaple of Stone founded by John Sergeant, And the manner of payment of Peter pence in this pariſh of Berkeley, more is to bee read in the Regiſters office with the Biſhop of Worceſter, but not much inlarginge nor any thinge differinge from what is before written. Only I will ſomwhat more fully then before heere ſhewe, That kinge H. 8. by his ĩres patents dated 18. Novembr : 34. regni fui, granted (inter alia) Decano et Capitulo ecclĩæ cathedralis ſĉe et individue Trinitatis Briſtoll, Omnes illas rectorias, capellas, et eccleſias de Berkeley Herons, &c. Ac

Ac omnia maneria, mesſ, terras, decimas, &c. in Wike, Stone, Bevington, Bradſton, Canbury, alſ Canonbury, Oldminſter, Hame, Hill, Berkeley Herons, et Wapley in Comī Glouc. Hēnd ſibi et eorū ſucceſſoribus. &c. Tenend de nobis hered et ſucceſſoribus ñris in purā et ppetuā eleemoſynā, Reddendo p Anñ ad feſtū Sci Michis in Sccio pro oibus in lris pateñ contentis—85li. 10s, William Snowe then the firſt Deane And then had a large rentall of each pticuler contained in the lres patents delivered to them. All which I had the advantage, to take theis notes out of, as they were given in Evidence at Lent Aſſiſes Anno 14. Regis Caroli in this county, before Judge Jones, then holden at Cirenceſter, betweene Doctor Chetwinde then Dean, Vicar of Berkeley, plt, and Edward ffuſt Eſq, lord of Hill, | and Davis, 94
clerke, Defts, wherin the queſtions were Whether the ſaid townſhip of Hill was within the pariſh of Berkeley or not, And whether the Church of Hill was a Donative, appertaininge to the ſaid Edward ffuſt to preſent, or as parcell of the Vicarage of Berkeley, and the ſmall tithes there belonginge therto : Which paſſed againſt the ſaid Doctor Chetwind the plt ; but vniuſtly, as I and others then conceived : And not vnlikely therefore to come about heereafter, if Doctor Chetwind live a yeare about, which in his owne opinion hee is not like to doe. |

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Beverstone. 97

Beverstone : In the booke of Domeſdei written Beureſtane ; A name derived (as may bee conceived,) from the great blewe ſtones wherwith the place aboundeth more then in any other townſhip or place of this hundred or County : wherin the Conqueror and before him kinge Edward the Confeſſor had in Demeſne ten hides of land, as that booke ſheweth :

This townſhip beinge a member and parcell of the great manor of Berkeley, was by kinge Henry the ſecond, (as formerly I have written in Berkeley ſol : 78,) given amongſt many other inferior Manors to Robert the ſonne of Hardinge and his heires, when alſo by that grant hee firſt created him a Baron and peere of the Realme, to hold by knight ſervice in Capite, as the tenure is to this day ; Which lord Robert not longe after conveyed this Beverſton (and Weſton alſ Kingſweſton with Elberton, as is afterwards mentioned,) to Robert his third ſonne and his heires, comonly in old Deeds written Robertus filius Roberti filij Hardingi, And Robertus Dñs de Were, becauſe his habitacon was vſually at Were in the County of Somſet; By

By whofe death in the time of kinge John this manor difcended to Maurice de Gant his fonne and heire, By whofe death without iffue in 14. H. 3. the fame difcended to Robert de Gurnay, fonne and heire of Eve, fifter of him the faid Maurice de Gant; who dyinge in 53. H. 3. the fame difcended to Anfelme de Gurnay his fonne and heire, who dyed in 14. E. 1. levinge iffue John de Gurnay,[1] which John dyed within 5. yeares after his father in 19. E. 1. leavinge his manor and all other his poffeffions to difcend vpon the faid Elizabeth his daughter and heire; who was maryed to Sir John ap Adam who dyed in 5. E. 2. leavinge iffue by his faid wife Sir Thomas ap Adam; who by fine and other affurances in the 4. E. 3. fold this manor (amongft others) to Thomas then lord Berkeley called Thomas the third, and his heires, wherby after 170. yeares continuance in the iffue of this third fonne of the faid lord Robert the fonne of Hardinge, it came againe into the poffeffion of the heire of the faid lord Robert at the comon lawe. Not longe after, the fame lord Thomas Berkeley in 28. E. 3. by a fine then levyed and by other affurances entailed the fame vpon himfelfe and Katherine then his fecond wife, and the heires males which hee fhould beget on the body of the faid Katherine, The remainder to his right heires; who had iffue betweene them Sir John Berkeley knight, who by Elizabeth his wife daughter and heire of Sir John Bettifhorne, had iffue Sir Maurice Berkeley knight; The faid Thomas lord Berkeley dyed feifed of this manor (and Caftle therin much by him reedifyed,) in 35. E. 3. And the faid
98 Katherine him furvivinge held the fame till her | death in 9. R. 2. whervpon the fame came to Sir John Berkeley aforefaid, and the heires males of his body, by force of the faid entaile; By whofe death in 6. H. 6. the fame came to the faid Sir Maurice his fonne and heire, who died in 38. H. 6. leavinge iffue by Lora his wife daughter of Henry lord ffitz hugh, Sir Maurice and Sir Edward; The faid Sir Maurice fonne of Maurice, died in 14. E. 4. And by Anne his wife daughter of Reginald Weft lord de la ware, left iffue Sir Wiłłm Berkeley knight and Katherine; Which Sir Wiłłm dyed in the firft yeare of kinge H. 7. without iffue male; wherby this manor of Beverfton, with the Caftle (a part therof,) by vertue of the faid entaile of 28. E. 3. came to the faid Sir Edward, vncle of this Sir William; which Sir Edward dyed in 21. H. 7. leavinge iffue male by Alice his fecond wife, three fonnes, Thomas, Maurice, and William: The faid Thomas by Elizabeth his wife daughter of George Nevill lord Abergavenny, had iffue John Berkeley and fower daughters, and dyed in 15. H. 7. in the life of his father: Which John dyed the kings

[1] The ftatement made, Ante Vol. I. p. 53, that John de Gurnay, fon and heir of Anfelm, who was 20 years old on the death of his father, married a certain Oliva, leaving Elizabeth his only daughter and heir, is here omitted. [Ed.]

kings ward, without iſſue male: Maurice Second brother of the ſaid Thomas, dyed in 5. H. 8. before his nephewe John, without iſſue: William the third ſonne of the ſaid Sir Edward was alſo a knight, and by Margaret his wife daughter of William Pawlett Marques of Wincheſter, had iſſue Sir John Berkeley, and dyed in 5. E. 6. And the ſaid Sir John Berkeley who dyed in 24. Eliz. left iſſue John Berkeley; who after in 39. Eliz: aliened the ſaid Manor and Caſtle to Sir John Pointz knight, whoſe ſiſter[1] ffrances hee had maryed, and by whome hee hath iſſue: Till which time this manor had continued and gone with the heires males as aforeſaid without any alienac̃on or diſcontinuance; The owners wherof were diſtinguiſhed from all others of their name by beinge called Berkeleis of Beverſton. It was not longe after the purchaſe ſoe made by Sir John Pointz before hee againe ſold it to Henry ffleetwood of Graies Inne: And hee ſhortly after ſold the ſame to Sir Thomas Earſtfield, and hee againe to Henry ffleetwood; And from him it came to Sir Michael Hickes, And by his death in [1612] to his ſonne Sir William Hickes Baronet, nowe owner therof Anno, 1639.

Caſtle of Beverſton.

In this village ſtandeth an ancient caſtle called Beverſton Caſtle, which doubtles is a pile of as ancient buildinge as any is at this day ſtandinge in this hundred; many yeares yea many ages more ancient then that of Berkeley, which is ſtill kept in good repaire And oftentimes the dwellinge houſe of the lord therof: ffrom this Caſtle it was, as all hiſtories of that time and ſince treatinge of, That that famous Earle Goodwyn earle of Kent (formerly mentioned in the deſcription of Berkeley,) ſet forth with his army, what time hee made ſhewe | (if peace by moderation had 99
not followed) to have given battell to kinge Edward the Confeſſor, who had likewiſe with an army drawne himſelfe to Glouceſter for the ſame purpoſe; the cauſe of the quarrell I leave to the relation of our Engliſh comon Chronicles; Which caſtle and townſhip I conceive to have lately before come to the hands of the ſaid Earle by the ſuppreſſion of the monaſtery of the Nunnes at Berkeley, as alſo formly is there mentioned.

The Records of Rot. claus. 11. H. 3. membr. 14. and of Rot. pateñ. 13. H. 3. declare how Maurice de Gant aforeſaid was queſtioned for buildinge (or rather repairinge) his caſtle of Beverſtone without the kings licence, and alſo fortifyinge of it; who confeſſeth and ſubmitteth, And in the ſecond yeare after hath the kings writt directed to the Sheriffe of this county That the caſtle which hee had built at his manor of Beverſton ſhould for ever remaine to him and his heires, and then it was, turrited; (the latin word is **firmatum**;) whoſe death followed the next yeare after

[1] For *Siſter*, read *Aunt*. [Ed.]

after, as is aforefaid. ffrom whom by his heires at comon lawe, it came after divers difcents with the manor (inter alia) to Sir Thomas ap Adam who in 4. E. 3. fold the fame to Thomas lord Berkeley and his heires, who in the next fix yeares much repaired and beautified the fame, with the parke adioyninge, as formerly is touched, as by divers Accompts of the Reeves of that manor in the caftle of Berkeley appeares.

Church

The Church of Beverfton is a mother Church with the Chapple of Kingefcote therto belonginge, And was with the other Churches of Berkeley Herneffe given by Robert the fonne of Hardinge to the Monaftery of St Auguftines by briftoll, as before is written . fol : 81, 82. But by what meanes in fhort time after it came to the family of the Gurnays aforefaid lords of this manor of Beverfton, I have not found ; But the faid Anfelme de Gurnay, the yeare of his death in 14. E. 1. gave this Church of Beverftane to the Abbot of St Peters of Glouč. and his Covent and their fucceffors : ffor confirmacõn wherof John de Gurnay fonne and heire of the faid Anfelme (after fome quarrellinge,) levies a fine therof and of five fhillings rent of land, to the faid Abbot and Covent, vpon a licence obtained from the kinge to alien in mortmaine ; ffor which fee thefe records. vz—Inq : 14. E. 1. poft mortē Anfelmi de Gurnay. Rot. pateñ. 14. E. 1. membr. 17. in arce London. Plita et Juraī apud Glocefter. 15. E. 1. Rot. 29. in dorfo. in recepta Scaccarij.

In 4. E. 1. before the Juftices itinerant then fittinge at Glouč, it was by the Jury (amongft other things) prefented, That Maurice then lord Berkeley claymed to have returne of writts throughout his hundred of Berkeley, The ratinge of the |
100 Affize of bread and Ale, Gallowes for execucõn of theeves, and the like ; And that hee had diftrayned Anfelme de Gurnay afwell in the Kings highwaies as without, in his manors of Beverfton, Ailberton, and Kingfwefton, which are holden of the kinge in Capite by knight fervice, becaufe hee would not take his meafures of Affife from his ftanderd, wheras hee ought to receive them from the kings marfhall, As by Rot. Ragemañ in 4. E. 1. in Recepta fcaccarij appeareth. But why the faid lord Maurice fhould clayme to have **Returna brevium et executiones eorundem** within this hundred, which was not granted to any his progenitors vntill to his great grandchilde Thomas lord Berkeley in 4. E. 3, as before is faid, I have not found, vnles you can picke it out of the firft charter made by kinge H. 2. to Robert fonne of Hardinge . fol : 81. 82. 86. 87.

Markett

In 21. E. 1. that kinge granted to John ap Adam and Elizabeth his wife and to their heires, to have within their manor of Beverftane A market on Munday weekely,

weekely, And a faire for three daies on the vigill day and morrowe of the affumption of our lady: And to have free warren in all their demefne lands there. Dated 10. Junij. a° ꝑd. As by Rot. Cartarum in 21. E. 1. membr. 3. appeares; where this towne is written Beruestan.

Faire
Free warren

Belonginge to this ancient Caftle was a Coneftabulary or the office of a Coneftable belonginge: And by a Deed dated 28. Julij. 4. E. 3. Robert Praterd then Coneftable releafed to Thomas lord Berkeley Totum jus et clameum de et in officio Coneftabulariæ caftri de Beverftan, &c. which hee held for terme of his life by the grant of Sir Thomas ap Adam. And this was imediately after the faid lords purchafe, And perhaps a part of the agreement with the faid Sir Thomas ap Adam vpon his fale therof, for the lord Berkeley to fettle in that office one of his owne fervants of whofe fidelity hee might be more affured.

To the Leet or law̃day holden yearly at Berkeley for the hundred of Berkeley at Michas and Eafter, amongft the Tithingmen and Coneftables of . 28. townfhips which there perfonally appeare, cometh the Conftable of this townfhip of Beverfton alone, without any other inhabitant with him, chofen and fworne at the Leet of that townfhip, where they have a Leet amongft themfelves; And vpon his apparance at the barre in the court houfe called the guild hall before the Steward and grand Jury acknowledgeth the foveraignty of that Court and Leete, And faith That | with 101
them Omnia benè, That all things with them in their Leet at Beverfton, are well: wifheth profperity to the lord of the Leete of that hundred, and foe departeth, beinge neither fworne nor prefenteth any things prefentable in a Leete. And for neglect of this fervice or rather of the fonnes duty and acknowledgem: to his father for his liberality in givinge the Caftle manor and Leet to his fonne, as before is fet downe, I have impofed a fine of ten fhillings and more; And twice or thrice, fince I was Steward of the Hundred Leet caufed the fame to bee levyed by diftres: Howbeit I have heard fome of thofe coneftables affirme That that fervice, as they have heard, ought to bee done by the Coneftable of the Caftle, and not of their townfhip of Beverfton, as willinge perhaps to eafe themfelves of a Journey of 9. or 10. myles.

A record in Hill: terme. 5. H. 4. Rot. 3. in the Exchequer in the office of the Remembrancer to the lord Treforer, doth fhewe That Sir John Berkeley knight, fonne and heire in tayle to that entayle before mentioned created by Thomas lord Berkeley father of him the faid Sir John in the 28. E. 3. was drawne into that Court

Court to ſhewe by how many knights fees he held of the kinge his manor of Beverſton in Capite, vpon a demand which the kinge made of him for Ayde towards the marriage of Blanch his eldeſt daughter ; Who thervpon pleaded to the kinge, That hee held his ſaid Manor of Beverſton in the hundred of Berkeley imediately of Thomas lord Berkeley, by the third part of one knights fee, And not of the kinge; Which vpon that iſſue was by a Jury found for him againſt the kinge, And to bee of the ſaid lord Berkeley as hee had pleaded, whervpon he had Judgm^t and was diſmiſſed.

And to ſtrengthen the ſaid record in point of tenure might alſo bee produced the office in 6. H. 6. after the death of the ſaid Sir John Berkeley ; And alſo the office in 38. H. 6. after the death of Sir Maurice Berkeley ; And alſo the office in 14. E. 4. after the death of another Sir Maurice Berkeley ; And alſo the office in 2. H. 7. after the death of Sir William Berkeley ; wherin the originall eſtate taile to the heires males in 28. E. 3. is pleaded and found (wherby the daughter and heire of the ſaid Sir William was put by, but how iuſtly, in regard of a Comon recovery ſuffered of his manor in Eaſter Terme 18. H. 6. Rot. 312. in the Comon pleas I may not determine :) As alſo might ſome others bee produced to avoid a tenure of the kinge by knight ſervice in Capite : But when I looke on the other ſide I ſee an army of Records and prooſes provinge the kings tenure, which ſeeme vnanſwerable ; As a booke of knights fees in the Exchequer temp: H. 3. and E. 1. And the Eſcuage roll in the tower of London in 5. E. 1. And the office 28. H. 3.
102 after the death of Thomas lord | Berkeley : And the plea in the Exchequer of the ſaid Thomas lord Berkeley, himſelfe the Conuſor : And the two pleas in the Exchequer in Michias Terme, 7. H. 7. Rot. 34. And in Eaſter terme 16. H. 7. rot : 9. confeſſed to bee in Capite by the lords themſelves, And more then 40. more the like to this day ; I doe conclude, that the tenure of this Manor is of the Crowne by knight ſervice in Capite.

By an Inq : 6. H. 6. John Berkeley knight dyed ſeized of the Caſtle and Manor of Beverſton, with the Advowſon of the pariſh church of Cernecote in the county of Wiltes, belonginge to the ſaid Caſtle and Manor.

Fifteene In payment of ffifteene or tenth, or kinge ſilver, when it is granted in parliament, the Onus or charge in the Exchequer is—5^li. 2^s. 9^d. The deduction is—50^s. The remainder paid into the Exchequer by the Collector is—52^s. 9^d. Of which payment read more in fol : 4. 5. 37.

In

In the laſt Subſedy in a° 5to Rℓ Caroli were 7. ſubſedy men in the townſhip, who paid—40s. Subſedy

Of able men for the warres betweene 20. and 60. yeares old were in a° 6to Jacobi which at a general muſter then appeared—41. Able men.

And now of trayned Souldiers vnder Edward Stephens Eſq, their Captaine, are— Soldiers.

And if the wholl diviſion of Berkeley accounted a 4th part of the county, called Berkeley Diviſion, bee rated in any tax or payment to pay—100li. to Kinge or Comon wealth, Then this hundred of Berkeley paies therof—33li 3s, And the townſhip of Beverſton—15s. |

Bevington. 103

Bevington: vſually pronounced Bamton: Is an hamblet of houſes within the pariſh of Berkeley, parcell of the manor or lordſhip of Hame, the inheritance of George lord Berkeley, holden by knight ſervice in Capite.

ffor certaine parcells of land in this hamblet wherof one was called Grombals hay, was a ſute in 40. Eliz. betweene one Phelps leſſee to John Harvy of Bradſton, and one Danſeild, tenant at will to Huntley a copiholder for life vnder the lord Berkeley, which was tried at the Aſſiſes at Glouč, 9. mcij. a° 40. Eliz. pđ. As formerly had another tryall beene in 31. Eliz. pđ. And after another ſute by Engliſh bill before the Preſident and Counſell in the Marches of Wales, from whence the lord Berkeleys tenant was diſmiſſed with coſts, which John Harvy paid; ffor more wherof ſee the Records of Michas terme 31. & 32. Eliz. Rot. 524. And of Hill: terme, 39. Eliz. in Banco.

In this hamblet John Mallet holdeth in fee by ſeverall purchaſes of late made A meſſuage with a yard land therto belonging comonly called Hickes land, which was late the land of Richard Hickes, who dyed in—12. Jacobi, ſecond ſonne of Richard Hickes who dyed 10. Eliz., ſonne of John Hicks who died at Wickwarre in 38. H. 8., ſonne of Richard Hickes who died H. 8., ſonne of John Hickes, who Hickes land now Malletts.

who dyed in 23. H. 7.; holden of George lord Berkeley as of his manor of Hame by fute to his hundred court of Berkeley from 3. weekes to 3. weekes, the yearly rent of—23s. And by

Of which lands fee in two Inq: the one in 38. H. 8. after the death of John Hickes, and the other in 12. Jac. after the death of Richard Hickes. Of which name of Hickes fee alfo in Berkeley fol: 93. To which Richard William Hickes was fonne and heire, who fold part of this land to Maurice Mallet, By whofe death in 19. Jac. it difcended to Thomas Mallet his fonne, by whofe death that yeare without iffue, it difcended to the faid John Mallet beinge his vncle and heire; vide Co: roll of Hame. 19. Jac. And by the death of the faid John Mallet to Alice his daughter and heire marryed to Walter Kirle Efq.

Hurnes land.

Heere alfo is a meffuage and halfe a yard land therto belonginge the inheritance of Mary and Elizabeth the two daughters and Coheires of Thomas Hurne, who dyed in A° 4to Regis Caroli; fonne of John Hurne who died in 44. Eliz., fonne of Willm Hurne who died 3 & 4. Ph: & Mar, fonne of Richard Hurne; holden of
104 George lord Berkeley as of his manor of Hame by fute of | Court from 3. weekes to 3. weekes, the yearly rent of—10s. and by knight fervice: And alfo of a parcell of land adioyninge holden by like fervice and the yearly rent of—5s. All which have for diuers generations byn occupied togeather; ffor which meffuage and premiffes the faid Mary and Elizabeth are now in Ward to the faid lord Berkeley, As alfo was the faid Thomas Hurne to Henry lord Berkeley grandfather to the faid George: By the death of which Thomas Hurne without iffue male faileth the name of Hurne, which had continued in a lineall difcent, fince the firft and originall grants made of the premifes by two deeds, to William the fonne of Robert of Bevington and his heires, about 10. H. 3. by Thomas lord Berkeley the firft of that name, and which was after in the fame kings time confirmed by Maurice lord Berkeley fonne and heire of the faid Thomas, To hold as aforefaid: Who tooke that firname of Hurne from the little thicket or grove of thornes fmall fhrubs or the like called an Hurne, adioyninge: As others in Hinton and other places in this hundred have done; wherof more may bee read in an Inq: found in 44. Eliz. after the death of the faid John Hurne: And in a parchment booke fol: 6. et 28. containinge fuch wardfhips as have fallen to the faid lord George or his Anceftors in theis laft hundred yeares.

Withers land: Abbot of Kingfwoods: now Edward ffufts.

It appeares vpon a Writ called Ad quod damnum, and vpon the Inquificon thervpon taken (remaininge in the tower of London) in 2. E. 2. n° 112., And by the

the Deeds that followed thervpon, And by a fine in Trinity terme A° 3. E. 2. in Berkeley caſtle; That Robert Wither aliened to the Abbot and Covent of Kingſwood and to their ſucceſſors A meſſuage and yard land, and alſo 29. acres of land, and 13ˢ 6ᵈ yearly rent, in Hull, Berkeley, Pockhampton in (Hinton,) and Bevington; And that the ſaid meſſuage and yard land in Hulle are holden of Nicholas the ſonne of Raphe (lord of the Manor of Hull) by 2ᵈ yearly rent; which Nicholas holds the Manor of Hulle by knights ſervice in Capite of the Kinge, by halfe a knights fee, in which manor the ſaid meſſuage and yard land doe lye: And that 3. acres, parcell of the 29. acres, and the tenements wherout the 13ˢ 6ᵈ is goeinge in Bevington, Berkeley, and Pockhampton, are holden of Thomas lord Berkeley by 1ᵈ yearly rent, which hee holds over of the kinge in Capite, with other lands, **per Baroniam.** And that ſtill remaines to the ſaid Robert Wither a Meſſuage and 8. oxgangs of land, (8. bovatas terræ,) in Bevington, wherof hee hath the fee ſimple, holden of the ſaid Thomas lord Berkeley in Capite, by the rent of a Roſe. Which meſſuage and 8. bovatas terræ laſt mentioned, I conceive to bee nowe the inheritance of Edward ffuſt Eſqᵣ, and in the tenure of Richard Archer, leſſee to Mʳ ffuſt. | This was ſomtimes in the occupacõn of William Tilladam ſonne of 105
William, by leaſe, afwell as the farme of Bliſbury. fol: 106 |

Blisbury. 106

Blisbury als Blisberrie: A farme houſe within the hamblet of Bevington, in the pariſh of Berkeley, the inheritance of William Baſſet Eſqᵣ, containinge about 100. acres, holden of the Crowne by knight ſervice in Capite, ſomtime parcell of the poſſeſſions of the Abby of Kingſwood neere Wotton Vnderedge; which cõminge to the Crowne by the diſſolucõn of that Monaſtery in the 31ᵗʰ of kinge H. 8. was granted in

This was of late the freehold of Wiłłm Tilladam, ſonne of Wiłłm for his life. |

Bradley. 107

Bradley, als Bradleigh: In an hamblet within the tithinge of Synwell in the pariſh of Wotton Vnderedge, and parcell of the ſervices of the Manor of Wotton fforren,

fforren, holden of that Manor by knights fervice and fute of Court to that manor, and to the hundred Court of Berkeley from three weekes to three weekes ; Or rather, as many records doe fpeake, held of the manor of Berkeley by knight fervice, and fute to that hundred Court as aforefaid.

It was of it felfe a manor at leaft in reputacõn, and extendeth it felfe into the villages adioyninge, of Bradley, Nybley, Synwell, Swyney, Woodford, Combe, and Wotton towne, vntill by pticuler fales of the parts therof in 3. 4. 5. 6. et 7th yeares of the raigne of kinge James it was deftroied, as after perticulerly followeth.

The principall and moft remarkeable houfe ; efteemed as the Scite or Capitall meffuage with a Carucate of land and 50s rent of tenants that held for lives of this manor, was in the times of kinge R. 1. and of kinge John his brother the lands of Hugo de Bradeleia and of William his brother ; And after of
who left iffue Alienora his daughter and heire maried to Thomas de Luida, or de Lude, who aliened as after followeth to Thomas lord Berkeley the fecond of that name and his heires, as after followeth.

St. Auguftines land. modo Decẽ. et Capit̃ Briftoll.

In this hamblet of Bradley the Abbot and Covent of the monaftery of St Auguftines by Briftoll had an ancient meffuage with divers lands therto belonginge, by feverall guifts and purchafes by them made and to them given at feverall times, as after followeth : which at laft came to bee called Canon-Court efteemed by them as the fcite of a manor, longe time held by Copy of Court roll by the family and name of the Dangervills their tenants for many generations at the old yearly rent of—lxvjs viijd granted at their Manor houfe in Berkeley called Canon bury, whither thefe tenants did their futes : which by the diffolucõn of that monaftery in 31. H. 8. cõminge to kinge H. 8. hee erected the fame into a Cathedrall church in the 34th of his raigne, And as part of the poffeffions of the Deane and Chapter there, gave this meffuage and lands (amongft others) to them and their fucceffors: And is nowe in leafe to Mr Willm Leigh an Atturney of the kings bench, whofe father John Leigh of late yeares bought the eftate for lives which the Dangervils then had therin ; And fince have twice renewed the fame with the Deane and Chapiter aforefaid : An houfe of late new built and much reedified by the faid Willm Leigh : And this meffuage before of old was the land of John de Bradeleia fonne and heire of
108 Reginald Buchard ; | And in the time of H. 3. given to this Monaftery of St Auguftines by Thomas lord Berkeley and Jone his widowe.

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To this meſſuage and land (now the ſaid Deane and Chapters,) is an ancient Deed without date to bee referred, wherby Willm de Braglega confirmed to the Abbot and Covent aforeſaid the grant which Reginald de Camma made to them of halfe a yard land in Wotton, which Juliana de Berkeley gave to the ſaid Reginald; which land alſo Hugh de Bradley brother of him the ſaid Willm, ſold to the ſaid Julian for 7. markes and an horſe. Redd. 1. libr̃ cumini for all ſervices, ſalvo regali ſervicio, &c.

As alſo in one other Deed dated 1273. a°. 1. E. 1. wherby John ſonne of Reginald de ffaſtebury gave to the ſaid Abbot and Covent, Totam terram ſuam de Bradeleia illam ſcilt quod tenuit de Johanna de Berkeley apud Bradley extra Wotton, et totam terram ſuam de Wotton, quam pater eius de dictis Abbate et conventu tenuit in villa de Wotton.

But the 4. Deeds and ſyne followinge are to bee referred to the manor of Bradley, aliened to divers freeholders, as followeth, the tenure whereof is formerly ſaid to bee by knight ſervice; One, without date wherby **Domina Johanna de Berkeley** relicta quondam Dñi Thomæ de Berkelee, gave to William Berkeley her ſonne and to the heires of his body, All the land which ſhee bought of Ralph de Wiplet in Bradley in the manor of Wotton, vizt, one Meſſuage and one yard land which Adam de Bradley ſomtimes held, And alſo 7. acres of land which Thomas de Jacelyne holds in the ſaid Manor of Wittune. Rendringe to the cheife lord—18^d. yearly, and regale ſervicium: And to her, tres clavos cariophil ad natale dni. Agreeinge to this is the Inquiſiĉon 33. E. 1. n°. 242. pro Thoma de Luida et Alienora vxor[e] eius. 1

2. An other deed dated [die] Jovis poſt feſtū conuſionis ſcti Pauli. a°. 18. E. 1. wherby Amicia le Ercedekene, ſomtime the wife dni Odonis le Ercedekene, in her widowhood, granted and releaſed All her right in toto tenemento et terra in ſicco et humido apud le Hame infra manerium de Wotton iuxta Abbathiam de Kingſwood in coñi Glouĉ, to Thomas de Luida and his heires, To hold of the cheife lord of the ffee by the ſervices due and accuſtomed.

3. An other deed without date wherby Maurice of Came ſonne of William de Berkeley knight, granted all his lands in Bradley which hee had from the ſaid William his father vnto Odo le Archidiakedeno and his heires.

4. Another

4. Another Deed in 18. E. 1. wherby Amicia ſomtime the wife of Odo le Ercedekene reciteth That whereas Jone lady Berkeley deceaſed enfeoffed Sir Willm de Berkeley her ſonne and the heires of his body of certaine lands called la hame and of others called Bradley, vpon condicon that if hee dyed without iſſue then the ſaid land ſhould revert to the ſaid lady Jone and her heires: Which Sir Willm
109 Berkeley ſold the ſame to John Sethvile | and his heires, who enfeoffed her the ſaid Amicia and her heires; which Sir William dyed without iſſue of his body, wherpon Thomas lord Berkeley grandchild and heire to the ſaid lady Jone impleaded her the ſaid Amicia and her ſaid huſband for the ſaid land in the kings court; which dependinge, her ſaid huſband Odo beinge her ſecond huſband, dyed; Nowe ſhee the ſaid Amicia releaſeth all her right in the ſaid lands to the ſaid Thomas lord Berkeley and his heires.

5. By a fine in the court of Comon pleas in a° 33. H. 3. Roger de Berkeley de Durſley and Conſtance his wife gave a yard land in Bradley to Reginald de Jeteſbury and to Iſable his wife, in frankmarriage, and to the heires of her body: Againſt which fine Maurice then lord Berkeley apponit clameum ſuum; As by the indorſement on the backe of that fyne appeares.

The forefaid Thomas lord Berkeley beinge afwell by his purchaſe from the ſaid Thomas de Luida and Alienor his wife as otherwife ſeized in fee of theis Bradley lands (ſoe to call them,) dieth in 14. E. 2. wherby the ſame diſcended to the lord Maurice his ſonne and heire, the third lord of that name; who beinge ſoe ſeized, (or others rather in truſt to his vſe,) The ſame by his direction were (as by divers deeds with Richard Berkeley Eſq, late of Stoke Gifford, and in the Caſtle of Berkeley, appeares,) conveyed to Maurice Berkeley knight ſecond ſonne of the ſaid lord Maurice, and to the heires males of his body, leavinge the revertion in himſelfe; Which Maurice the ſonne dyed in 21. E. 3. at the ſeidge of Calais, After whoſe death, in the ſame yeare, the tenure of his manor of Bradley was by Inquiſicon found to bee holden of Thomas lord Berkeley eldeſt ſonne of the ſaid lord Maurice by the ſervice of one roſe for all ſervices, And that Thomas was ſonne and heire of the ſaid Sir Maurice, then 13. yeares old and in ward to the kinge for other lands holden by knight ſervice in Capite; By the death of which Thomas Berkeley in 35. E. 3. then a knight alſo, this Manor diſcended to Sir Maurice Berkeley knight ſonne and heire of the ſaid Sir Thomas; By whoſe death in 2. H. 4. the ſame came to Sir Maurice Berkeley his ſonne, who was borne after the death of his father; And by his death in 4. E. 4. it diſcended to Sir William Berkeley his ſonne, Which

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Sir William dyinge in 16. H. 7. left iſſue Richard, and John; Of both which as followeth.

1. The ſaid Richard dyed in 5. H. 8. levinge iſſue Sir John, who dyed in 37. H. 8. leavinge iſſue Sir Richard, who dyed in 2°. Jacobi, levinge iſſue Henry, father of Richard Berkeley that now is, who aliened as afore and after is mentioned.

2. The ſaid John Berkeley yonger brother of the ſaid Richard, ſonnes of Sir Wiłłm, dyed in the life of his father, leavinge iſſue James Berkeley called of Bradley, becauſe this manor of Bradley was by the ſaid Sir Wiłłm conveyed vpon his maryage to him the ſaid John; | which ſaid James dyed in 38. H. 8. leavinge 110
iſſue 2. ſonnes, vz, John, who dyed in 4. & 5. Ph: & Mar: without iſſue, and Brice Berkeley who dyed in 21. Eliz: leavinge this manor to diſcend to Elizabeth his only daughter and heire, who was firſt maryed to Edward Berkeley Eſquire, and ſecondly to Sir Edward Berkeley knight, And thirdly to Nicholas Strangwaies Eſq̃, yet had noe iſſue by any of them; And in the time of her laſt widowhood, (havinge formerly given an eſtate in remainder in taile after her owne liſe to the ſaid Richard Berkeley that nowe is, ſonne of Henry,) ioyned with him in divers ſales of parts of this manor to ſundry perſons in 3. 4. 5. 6. et 7th Rℓ Jacobi, wherby the wholl was aliened; And is now A°. 14. Regis Caroli, the ſeverall inheritances of my ſelfe, Chriſtopher Purnell ſecond ſonne of Thomas; Thomas Purnell, brother of Robert, ſonnes of Purnell; Brice Weekes cozen and heire of Brice Weekes; Anthony Hungerford gen̄, Wiłłm Marten, Richard Marten ſonne of the ſaid William, John Jobbins ſonne of Wiłłm Jobbins, Richard Tindall ſonne of , John Leigh and Wiłłm his ſonne; Thomas Peirs, late by him purchaſed of ; Henry Hayward, late by him purchaſed of Patricke Dunninge; John Nelme of Wotton ſonne of Henry; Thomas Perry the elder als Hunter: William Beale of Nibley and Edward his ſonne, John, eldeſt ſonne of John Graile clerke, yonger ſonne of Thomas Graile of Huntingford; John Cooke, John Howe, Thomas White, Thomas Denny, Wiłłm Streat, Wiłłm ſonne of William Bird, ſonne of Peter; ſonne of Wiłłm Trotman, ſonne of ; And and , two other yonger ſonnes of the ſaid Wiłłm ſonne of Trotman; And of ſonne of James Plomer, Thomas May of Nibley; And of Robert ſonne of Edward Oldiſworth eldeſt ſonne of Arnold Oldiſworth Eſq̃, late Clarke of the Hanaper, owner of the ſaid Capitall meſſuage and lands called Bradleys houſe, who added to thoſe buildings which Edward Berkeley Eſquire firſt huſband

huſband of the ſaid Elizabeth had erected in 10. Eliz : Which Arnold, (to vſe a ſhort digreſſion,) was the ſonne of Edward Oldiſworth and of Tacy his wife daughter of Sir Arthur Porter, ſonne of Roger and of Margaret his wife daughter of John Arthur, ſonne of Richard and of Alice his wife daughter of James lord Berkeley and of the lady Iſable his wife, daughter of Thomas Mowbray Duke of Norfolke.

Oldiſworths land.

Which Arnold, (before his departure into Virginia where hee dyed much indebted,) by Deed dated 20. Julij, A° 9° Jacobi, purchaſed of Henry lord Berkeley to him and to Edward his ſonne and heire apparant and to their heires, (makinge the ſame as an addition to their ſaid capitall meſſuage or manor houſe,) one Cloſe of
111 ſix acres called Bradly mead, (with a Dovehouſe vpon | the ſame,) And three quarters of an acre in Beckhams mead, and one other cloſe of two acres adioyninge to his other lands, And one cloſe of three acres called Tanners cloſe on the backſide of his ſtable, And three quarters of an acre called ſilken acre, next the former : To hold to them and their heires vnder the yearly rent of 39ˢ 2ᵈ fute of Court twice by the yeare to the ſaid lord Berkeleys manor of Wotton fforren, or 4ᵈ for every default, And—26ˢ 8ᵈ in name of an heriott after their deathes, and of every one dyinge tenant to the premiſſes or of any part therof: Howbeit, the tenure of theis 5. parcells thus laſtly purchaſed is of the kinge by knight ſervice in Capite, beinge before this grant parcell of the ſaid Lords manor of Wotton fforren in demeſne, Which is ſoe holden of the kinge.

By fine in Michas terme 11. H. 4. Robert Stanſhawe and Iſable his wife purchaſed to them, and his heires of William Parker and Alice his wife, a meſſuage and 14. acres of land in Bradley, Wotton, and Wortley : which the ſaid Robert the ſame yeare ſold to Thomas lord Berkeley and his heires.

More of this manor of Bradley is to bee read out of theis Records, vizᵗ;
ffinis in banco Term̃ Michis. 20. E. 1. inter Thomā Dn̄ū Berkeley qr̃ et Thomā de Lude et vxor̃ imped, de 1. meſs̃ et 1. carucat̃ terræ, et 50ˢ r̃. in Wotton et Bradley. The deed alſo in Berkeley Caſtle.
Inq : 33. E. 1. vpon an Ad quod damnū pᵗ mortē Thome de Luida. n° [204]
Inq : 15. E. 2. pro terris Mauricij Berkeley et alijs rebellis.
Inq : 21. E. 3. pᵗ mortem Mauricij filij Mauricij de Berkele.
Inq : 29. E. 3. pᵗ mortem Thome Berkeley militis.
q Paſch : Records. 44. E. 3. Rot. 8. cū Rem̃ Theſaur̃ in Sccio.

Inq :

Inq : 2. H. 4. pt mortē Mauricij Berkeley.
Inq : 10. H. 5. pt mortē ꝑd Mauricij ; Melius Inquirend.
Inq : 4. E. 4. pt mortē Mauricij Berkeley.
Inq : 4. Jacobi pt mortē Nicħi Strangwaies ar———p fervic mil.
Inq : 4. et 5. Ph : & Mar : pt mortē Johis Berkeley.
ffinis in banco termi Michis : 4. Jacobi, Inter Hale et Webb, qr, et Berkeley et al def.
Inq : 20. Jac : pt mortem Thome Purnell.—per fervic militare.
Inq : 17. Caroli, pt mortē Johis Smyth ar, authoris huius libri.—p ferv : mil.
Inq : 15. Car. pt mortē Henrici Nelme (virtute officij) in Soccagio.
Inq : 16. Car. pt mortē Johis Grayle Cłici.—in focagio. |

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Bradston. 113

Bradston: Anciently written Bradeſtane. Bratheſtan, Bretheſtan, and Brodeſtane ; is an hamblet or Tithinge within the pariſh of Berkeley, wherin ſtandeth one of the eight Tythe barnes belonginge to the Rectory of that pariſh.

The name I ſuppoſe was originally taken of the great broad ſtones wherwith the ſuperficies of the earth round about the Manor houſe is covered, more then is to bee obſerved in any other part of this hundred.

It hath anciently byn at leaſt reputed a manor ; And in the time of kinge Richard the firſt was the inheritance of Bernardus de Bratheſtan ; After in the times of kinge John kinge H. 3. and of kinge . E. 1. of Andreas de Bradeſtan, of Gilbert de Bradeſtan, of John de Bradeſton, and of Robert de Bradeſton ; Which Robert held the ſame almoſt all the raigne of kinge Edward the firſt, and dyed in the ſowerth yeare of kinge Edward the ſecond, leavinge the ſame to diſcend to Thomas his ſonne ; Of whom after : A ſucceſſion of remarkeable gentlemen, homagers and ſervants to the family of the lord Berkeleis of Berkeley Caſtle, as a world of deeds and other evidences, which I have ſeene doe teſtify ; though the time when or by what lord Berkeley the ſame was firſt given, I have not yet found: But (as by many records and evidences appeareth,) the ſame is holden of their Manor of Alkington by the fourth part of a knights fee, ſute to their hundred Court of Berkeley from three weekes to three weekes, and by the yearly rent of—1d

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The ſaid Thomas de Bradſton ſonne of Robert dyed in the 34th of kinge E. 3., who for his great warlike ſervices vnder that kinge was firſt made a Banneret, And after a Baron and Peere of the Realme; And amongſt many other great guifts from that kinge, had 500. markes by the yeare given to him and his heires out of the kings Exchequer, which his heires at comon lawe receive to this day: ffor which fee Rot. clauſ. 16. E. 3. in dorſo: and Rot. clauſ. 15. E. 4. membr. 11. and many others: In honor of whoſe memory and great deſervings both towards his country and to the family of the lord Berkeleis wherin hee was bred and longe ſerved, I have ſome yeares ſince written a ſpeciall tract, in the ſecond volume of my hiſtory of that family.[1]

This noble Thomas de Bradſton by Agnes his ſecond wife had iſſue Robert de Bradſton, who dyed in the life of his father leavinge iſſue Sir Thomas de Bradſton, and John de Bradſton; Of which John (to whom the manor of Winterborne not farre from Briſtoll was given,) more ſhall anon bee ſaid, and of his male poſterity which yet continues. But the ſaid Sir Thomas elder brother of the ſaid John by Ela his wife daughter and coheire of John de Pauely had iſſue Elizabeth
114 his only daughter and heire; | which Sir Thomas dyed in 48. E. 3. And Ela his wife ſurvivinge dyed in 11. H. 4. havinge byn remarried to Richard de Sancto Mauro, als Seymore, who dyed alſo before her in 2. H. 4. As by Rot. finiū. 49. E. 3. membr. 12. And Rot. clauſ. 2. H. 4. ps. 1. mem: 8. appeares. The ſaid Elizabeth was maried to Walter de la poole who dyed 12. H. 6. And ſhee dyed ; betweene whom was iſſue only Margaret ſole daughter and heire, maryed to Thomas the ſonne of Sir John Ingaldeſthorpe, which Thomas dyed , And the ſaid Margaret dyed ; betweene whom was iſſue Sir Thomas Ingaldeſthorpe knight, who dyed 35. H. 6. and by Jone his wife, daughter and heire of John Lord Tiptofte, had iſſue Iſable their only daughter and heire; The ſaid Joan died in 9. H. 7. The ſaid Iſable was firſt maryed to John Nevill Marques Mountague, who died 11. E. 4. by whom ſhee had iſſue as followeth; And ſecondly was maryed to Sir William Norris, and dyed 22. H. 7. by whom alſo ſhee had iſſue as after followeth. And the ſaid Iſable dyed 16. E. 4. And this pedegree for the laſt eight diſcents thereof is proved by Rot. Clauſ. 15. E. 4. membr. 11. and by Rot. Clauſ. 17. E. 4. membr. 7. in the tower of London.

The iſſue which the ſaid Iſable had by Norris her ſecond huſband, which were Willm Norrys knight, Alice and Jone, are needles heere to bee mentioned, becauſe this

[1] See Ante, Vol. I., p.p. 282—286. [Ed.]

this manor of Bradſton went alonge with her iſſue by her firſt huſband Nevill the Marques Mountague. Betweene whom was iſſue one ſonne and five daughters, vizt, George Nevill, who was created Duke of Bedford, and dyed without iſſue in 1. E. 5. Aº 1482. And 5. daughters, Anne, Elizabeth, Margaret, Lucy and Iſable. Anne the eldeſt was married to Sir William Stoner knight, to whom this manor was allotted in partition, of whoſe iſſue I heere only write: And betweene them was iſſue John Stoner, who died in 2. H. 7. without iſſue; And Anne maryed to Sir Adrian ffortefcue, who was attainted and beheaded in 30. H. 8. wherby his owne lands efcheated, not his wives, who was dead longe before in 10. H. 8. And by him ſhee had iſſue Margaret her only daughter and heire maryed to Thomas lord Wentworth lord Chamberlen, who dyed in 5. E. 6. And the faid Margaret dyed in 1. E. 6. leavinge iſſue Thomas lord Wentworth, who by his Deed inrolled in the Court of Comon pleas in Michas terme. 3. et 4. Eliz. Rot. 14. dated the firſt day of September laſt before, aliened divers parcells of this manor of Bradſton, and of his other manor of Stinchcombe adioyninge thereto, (and which had all the difcents in this pedegree of the Bradſtons and their difcendants ever gone togeather;) to Trotman, Burchier and Nelme, three of the tenants to parts therof, who forthwith after (according to agreement formerly made) granted divers parcells therof to other men, that thoſe Manors ſeemed in effect to bee deſtroyed. And after, the faid lord Wentworth, by his other Deed inrolled in the Chancery dated the laſt day of Auguſt in the eighth yeare of Qu: Eliz. granted the | Manors of 115
Bradſton and Stinchcombe, (ſuch as then they were,) to Richard Pate Eſq and his heires, which (as before is faid) in the lyne before laid downe had continued in difcent without alienacon from the time of kinge R. 1. (if not longer.) And vpon his fales delivered accordinge to a Covenant in his faid Indenture more then 300. peeces of Evidence which are to this day kept in a cheſt in the tower of Stinchcombe Church, which I have not yet ſeene; ſome wherof would perhaps manifeſt, when and by what lord Berkeley the ſame was firſt granted and ſevered from their great Manor of Berkeley, wherof at firſt I ſuppoſe them to have byn parcells; And this Manor of Bradſton is nowe Aº 1639. Aº 15. Regis Caroli, the ſeverall inheritances of theis 11. perſons; vz, Willm Harvey in his minority, ſonne of Edward, brother and heire of Nicholas, ſonnes of John Harvey of Bradſton gen; Tobias Paine ſonne of William, Thomas Walter ſonne of John Walter gent and of Martha his wife daughter of William Payne; Thomas Smyth of Waniſwell, in right of Sarah his wife daughter of Samuel Trotman, ſonne of Willm Trotman of Stancombe, ſonne of John Trotman of Came; Thomas Andrewes of Bradſton, ſonne of Thomas, ſonne of Richard, who dyed 38. Eliz; Richard Organ ſonne of Richard; Samuell,

Samuell, brother and heire of John Trotman, ſonnes of Maurice lately deceaſed, yonger ſonne of Wiłłm Trotman, a yonger ſonne of John Trotman of Came, who dyed 19. Eliz: and of William Lawrance in right of Jone his wife daughter of Thomas Baily late of Hame and of Jone his wife, ſiſter and one of the ſower coheires of Wiłłm Butcher ałs Burchier, ſonne of Thomas, for one fourth part of the farme or capitall meſſuage; Thomas Came of Nuport ſonne of ffortune Came of Wike lately deceaſed, for another 4th part of the ſaid farme, which ſhee by Deed 1. Aprił. 11. Jacobi. for 300li purchaſed of Wiłłm Smyth ſonne of John Smyth and of Martha his wife, ſecond ſiſter and coheire of the ſaid Wiłłm Butcher ałs Burchier, ſonne of Thomas; John Trotman of Stinchcombe, who purchaſed another 4th part of the ſaid ffarme, of Wiłłm Hickes, ſonne of Richard and of Sarah his wife, an other ſiſter and coheire of the ſaid Wiłłm Butcher ałs Burchier, ſonne of Thomas; And of William Wallington of Wotton, ſonne of Edward Wallington and of Elizabeth his wife, (yet livinge) the 4th ſiſter and coheire of the ſaid William Butcher ałs Burchier, ſonne of Thomas; who holds another fourth part of the ſaid ffarme.

Chapell of Bradſton.

In this Hamblet or tithinge the aforementioned excellent ſoldier Sir Thomas de Bradſton Banneret, did in 18. E. 3. found a Chaple, (often called Bradſton Colledge,) and gave 3. meſſuages 4. yard land, 12. acres of meadowe 6 acres of wood and 5li rent p Ann̄, reſerved vpon divers leaſes of other lands, lyinge within
116 the Lordſhips of Hame, Alkington and Came, Capellano | cuſtodi Capellæ Sc̄i Michis de Bradſton, et duobus alijs Capellanis ad divina ſingulis diebus in capella predicta celebratura, pro animâ ſuâ, et Iſabellæ nuper vxoris eius; Which Thomas lord Berkeley the 24th of May the ſame 18th yeare of kinge Edward the third, confirmed, Salvis ſibi prædicto Thomæ Dn̄o Berkeley et heredibus ſuis ſervicijs et d̄nio quæ prius habuit de tenementis predictis: which foundacon was by other charitable benefactors much enlarged: All which by the Act of Parliamt in 1. E. 6 which diſſolved Chantries and the like guilds and fraternities, was given to that kinge; who by his Lr̄es patents inrolled in Chancery dated the 9th of May in the third yeare of that kings raigne, granted the ſame to Sir John Thinne knight and Thomas Throkmerton Eſqꝗ and their heires; To hold of the Manor of Bulford in the county of Wiltes in free and com̄on ſoccage, by fealty only; Who forthwith after ſold the ſame to Henry Ligon and Thomas ffranſam, and their heires; And they by ſeverall ſales ſcattered the ſame amongſt many purchaſers, with whoſe poſterities theis lands ſtill doe remaine, The nowe lord Berkeley havinge only a rent of paid him yearly by the kings Receiver, as parcell of the ſom̄e

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of—lxiiij^{s} vj^{d} paid for theis and other the Chantry rents in Berkeley, Newport, &c.

Of theis Chantry lands Chriſtopher Purnell of Nibley hath divers tenements and parcells in Stancombe, in the pariſh of Came, which his father Thomas Purnell purchaſed of Jonn Adye, ſonne of John Adye of fframpton, who purchaſed the ſame of the faid Thomas ffranſham.

And Samuell Trotman, brother and heire of John, ſonne and heire of Maurice Trotman, ſecond ſonne of Willm Trotman, holdeth the meſſuage called the Chaple houſe and the Scite of the Chantry of Bradſton, with the cloſe of paſture called the Wardens hall, containing two acres, with divers other parcells, pticulerly in an Inquiſiĉon found after the death of the faid John Trotman, the 9th day of Aprill, A^{o} 16. R^{e} Caroli, mentioned.

Also in this Tithinge of Bradſton is one ancient meſſuage with divers lands therto belonginge the inheritance of William Harvy, ſonne of Edward, brother and heire of Nicholas Harvy, who was in ward to Henry lord Berkeley, ſonne of John Harvey, and of Julian his wife, daughter and coheire of John Atwood of Hinton, ſonne of Edward Harvy, ſonne of John fonne of , ſonne of Harvey, ſonne of Robert, ſonne of Robert Harvey, who lived in | the 117
35th yeare of kinge E. 3. ; ſonne of Harvey, ſonne of Harvey, to whom de Bradſton gave the ſame, To hold (amongſt other ſervices) in ſocage, by payment of two heriotts after every of their deaths. An ancient family reputed as gentlemen, and as may bee ſaid, gentlemen by preſcripĉon in all their forefaid generations, yet never of coate Armor, for any thinge I could ever obſerve; And, as tradition goes had this land given by the Bradſtons for their ſervice vnder them in the Warres of ffrance, as I have been informed their evidences doe ſpeake, which I have not ſeene. Harvie's lands.

Owners alſo they have beene of divers other faire lands in Berkeley burrowe, Hinton, Alkington, Hame, Cambridge, Woodford, Slimbridge, Wanifwell, Stone, Newport, and Bevington, in the Manors of the lord Berkeleys in this hundred; and holden by knight ſervice, fute of Court of their hundred of Berkeley from three weekes to three weekes, And by ſeverall yearly Cheiſe rents; As to Hame manor, And to Hinton manor, And to Alkington manor, And to Berkeley burrowe, And to Slimbridge manor; As alſo they have byn (as the yonger branches of this family ſtill are,) copiholders for

for lives and tenants by Indenture to the lorde of thoſe manors; Which their ancient poſſeſſions were of late much inlarged by the maryage of John Harvy with the ſaid Julian daughter and coheire of John Atwood late of Hinton, ſonne of Thomas Atwood; As alſo by a purchaſe which the ſaid John Harvey made in 26° Eliz. of Phillip Jones of Thornbury and Cicely his wife, the other daughter and coheire of the ſaid John Atwood, ſonne and heire of the ſaid Thomas Atwood; As alſo owners of a fifth part of a manor in the pariſh of Hawkeſbury called Cawkley, by the mariage of Harvey aforeſaid with , holden of that manor by .

And for further proofe of theſe Harvies landſ are theis Records vizt, An Inquiſicõn in 2. Jacobi, poſt mortem Johis Harvey geñ.
Inq:

Bradſton of Winterborne.

The forementioned John de Bradſton yonger brother of the ſaid Sir Thomas de Bradſton Banneret, (of whom I promiſed ſomwhat further to write,) had as I have ſaid for his portion the manor of Winterburne, 12. miles from this hamblet towards Briſtoll, from whom it diſcended to Edmond his ſonne, who was father of Thomas, father of John, father of Thomas, father of Anthony, father of Robert
118 and Henry; | which Robert had iſſue Elizabeth only, who died without iſſue; and the ſaid Henry had iſſue Robert, lately dead; heere noted by mee for the honors ſake of the name and diſcent.

ffifteenths.

In payment of Tenths and fifteenes with other like regall duties It is included and runneth with Came, whereof ſee more in Came.

Subſedy.

In the 5th yeare of kinge Charles were only 4. ſubſedy men inhabitants there, who paid—38^s.

Able men.

In 6to Jacobi heere were of able men for the warres, betweene 20. and 60. yeares old, which appeared at a generall muſter then taken,—11.

Rates.

If Berkeley Diviſion bee rated at—100^li. This hundred of Berkeley paies—33^li 3^s therof, And this hamblet of Bradſton—8^s.

Souldiers.

Of Trayned ſouldiers vnder Willm Thorpe Eſq, their captaine, it hath—4. vz, 2 corſletts and 2 muſketts.

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By an Inquificon in the tower of London in 1. E. 1. Willm Mauduit is found to hold 8. acres of land in Bradenefton of the lord of Bradefton, and to have byn hanged for felony ; which then had byn a yeare and a day in the kings hands.

More of this Bradfton is to bee read in theis, Records, vizt.,

Rot. pateñ, 8. E. 3. ps. 1. in dorfo.
Rot. Clauš. 16. E. 3. in dorfo.
Inq: 34. E. 3. p^t mortē Thome de Bradefton.—in capite de Dño Berkeley.
Rot. patenť. 34. E. 3. ps. 3. membr. 7.
Extracť fubfeđ in 1. E. 3. Bradfton eft hameletť de Came in Scčio.
Inq : 37. E. 3. de feodis Baroniæ de Berkeley in Sc^a čio.—per dimiđ feođ. | 119
Rot. clauš. 43. E. 3. membr. 6.
Rot. finiū 43. E. 3. membr. 19.
Inq : 48. E. 3. p^t mortē Thome de Bradfton.
Rot. clauš. 48. E. 3. membr. 21.
Rot. finiū. 48. E. 3. membr. 6. 19. 21.
Rot. finiū. 49. E. 3. membr. 12.
Rot. clauš. 13. R. 2. ps. 1. membr. 26.
Inq : 2. H. 4. p̃t mortem Riči de fčo Mauro.
Inq : 11. H. 4. p̃t mortē Elæ vxoris Thome Bradfton. in capite de Dño Berkeley.
Inq : 12. H. 6. p^t mortem Walteri de la Poole.—Ignoramus.
Inq : 35. H. 6. p̃t. mortē Edm : Ingaldefthorpe.—per 4. pť feođ miłtis.
Triñ Reč. in Scčio. 22. H. 6. rot. 17.
Rot. clauš. 15. E. 4. membr. 11. The wholl pedegree
Rot. clauš. 17. E. 4. membr. 7.
Inq : 16. E. 4. as in Stinchcombe.
Inq : 2. H. 7. p̃t mortē Middlefex.—for ye whole pedigree.
Rot. patenť. 3. E. 6. p Thin et Throgmton.
Inq : 44. Eliz. p̃t mortē Riči Andrewes.—per ferviciū mił.
Inq : 44. Eliz. p̃t mortē Willi Payne.—per ferviciū mił.
Carta irrotulať in Cancell in Octobř. 8. Eliz. inter Wentworth et Pate.

See more in Stinchcombe. fol : 343.

Inq : 14. Caroli, p̃t mortē ffortunæ Came viđ—per ferviciū mił.
Inq : 2. Jacobi p̃t mortē Johis Harvey geñ.—per fervič militare.

Liber

Liber Wardoꝝ et Relevioꝝ. fol : 9. 24. et 25.—per ſerviciū mil.
Inq : 16. Caroli, p̃t mortē Johis Trotman filij et heredis Mauricij Trotman.
—per ſervicium militare. |

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Caldecote.

Caldecote : often written Cawcote, and Coldcote ; deſervedly ſoe to bee written and called from the cold ſcituacõn, from whence (doubtles) is the name : It is a faire farme houſe with 450 acres of ground therto belonginge, anciently parcell of the poſſeſſions of the Abby of Kingſwood by Wotton Vnderedge ; A Monaſtery, ſeated and in the county of Wilteſ, (of the foundation of that ancient Saxon family of the Berkeleys of Durſeley,) though compaſſed round about with the parts of Glouceſterſhire ; And hath byn taken as part of that manor of Kingſwood anciently of old called Acholt, wherin the Abby houſe was ſeated ; though now ſevered by the grant of in the yeare of his raigne made to

This Calcote is nowe generally conceived to lye within the pariſh of Bagpath before mentioned ; And is nowe the inheritance of Thomas Eſtcourt Eſq, ſonne of Edmond Eſtcourt, brother and heire apparant whileſt hee lived, of Sir Thomas Eſtcourt of Laffeborrowe knight, who dyed in 22° Jacobi. Concerninge which Sir Thomas and the ſetlinge of his eſtate to freinds in truſt what time hee lay vpon his death bed, fee a large Decree of more then 100. ſheetes of paper inrolled in the Chancery by conſent of parties, in Aprill in the 13th yeare of kinge Charles, betweene the lady Mary Eſtcourt the widowe of the ſaid Sir Thomas, And the ſaid Thomas Eſtcourt Eſq, ſonne of Edmond and theis truſtees ; which is alſo a reaſonable good ſurvey not only of this farme and of the manor of Dureſley, but of all other the poſſeſſions of the ſaid Sir Thomas Eſtcourt wherof hee dyed ſeized.

The word (cote) the laſt ſillable of this farme, anciently ſignified an habitation mantion or abidinge houſe, though of the meaneſt reputacõn : Of which were divers others in this hundred, as Woodmancote in the pariſh of Durſley : Weſtmancote in the pariſh of Arlingham : Hulmancote in the pariſh of Cowley : Kingeſcote in the pariſh of Beverſton ; and Haſilcote an hamblet in Kingeſcote ; And Pitcote in Nybley, (now called Pitcourt,) of all which ſee more in their alphabeticall places.

As

An Inquificõn in the tower of London vpon an Ad quod damnum in 12. H. 4. findeth That the granges called Hafelden and Culkertone in Hafelden, And the granges of Owfelworth, Tettebury, Bageſton, Hull, and Caldcote, doe belong to the Abbot of Kingſwood, which are all that the Abbot hath in the county of Glouc̃. And the Roll of patents a° 22. E. 1. membr. 6. et. 7. ſheweth of what Order each monaſtery in England was of; And that this of Kingeſwood was de Ciſtercienſibus: See alſo Simondſall. fol :—323.

And kinge Henry the third in the xi^th of his raigne confirmed to the Abbot of Kingſwood and his Covent the manor of Acholt, | which Roger de Berkeley 122
(of Durſeley) gave to that monaſtery, and all other their lands, as freely as kinge Henry the ſecond his grandfather confirmed them to them: In which are alſo divers liberties, recited, And to bee free ab omni ſeculari exactione et ſervicio; As by Rot. Cartaꝝ. 11. H. 3. ps. 1. mem: 12. appeares. ffor which Charter of Confirmacõn the Abbot gave to the kinge 10. m̃ks. as by Rot. finiũ. 11. H. 3. appeares, where of the premiſſes is alſo a pticuler expreſſion.

The impropriate Rectory of Kingſwood (if I may ſo call it,) as the 7^li. p anñ of ancient cuſtome paid by the inhabitants there, or rather 6^li. 13^s. 4^d., were by the Lr̃es patents of Queene Eliz. dated 21. Julij. a° 5to Eliz: granted (inter alia) to Humphrey Shelton and Edmund Hunt and their heires, from whom the ſame forthwith came, accordinge to the truſt in them repoſed, to Thomas Hanbury one of the Auditors, And from him to ffrancis his ſonne, who aliened the ſame to Roger Tulſe.

The laſt Abbot of this monaſtery before the diſſolucõn therof was Wiłłm Bewdeleye, as a leafe ſhewes made by him 20. December. 28. H. 8. And the Monaſtery was diſſolved by furrender. |

Came. 123

Came: In Domeſdei booke, **Camma**: wherin Wiłłm the Conqueror had ſix hides of land in demeſne, and eleaven other hides of land there which were (as I conceive) in tenants hands, ſuch as copiholders for lives there at this day are; And ſuch lands as ſince that time have byn enfeoffed to divers men and given in tayle by the Lords of this manor, wherof many are after mentioned.

It

It is a large and goodly parifh divided by a pretty little fweete river runninge through the midft of it into two parts; vpper Came or Vpthorpe; and lower Came, or the neyther towne; Vpper Came comprehendeth in it Afhmead and Churchend; and Lower Came comprehendeth Dreicote, Cleihunger, comonly pronounced Clinger; wherto may bee added Stinchcombe and Snitend and halmer. A manor of 100li. p anñ of old rents, or neere therabouts, the inheritance of George lord Berkeley and parcell of his Barony of Berkeley, holden by knight fervice in Capite, containinge in the intire compaffe of it felfe at leaft five myles, befides the village of Stinchcombe and Snytend.

A Townfhip foe evenly pertakinge of hill and vale, with an wholfome aire to both, And fo equally furnifhed of timber and wood for buildinge fire and all Bootes vfefull in hufbandry, with arrable meadowe and pafture grounds for the feed and breed of all forts of Cattell, with ftore of all kindes of graine vfefull for man, with fifh foule fruite for pery and cyder and the like; That it would abundantly fuffice for the maintenance and well beinge of its owne inhabitants, without fupply from any other of her neighbors in any needfull thinge which the hart of man wuld moderately defire.

This manor and parifh of Came was (amongft others) granted by kinge H. 2. in the firft yeare of his raigne to Robert the fonne of Hardinge and his heires, wherby alfo hee was created Lord Berkeley, a peere of the Realme, and Baron of Parliament: ffor I hold the opinion as orthodox That vntill the time of king Richarde the firft or of his brother and heire kinge John, each fubiect to whom the Crowne gave land to hold by knight fervice in Capite was therby made a Peere of the Realme and had voice in Parliament; And that all thofe mentioned in the red booke in the office of the kings Remembrancer in the Exchequer to have accordingly certified their tenures to kinge Henry the fecond about the 14th yeare of his raigne, were the peeres and Barons of that time; As elfwhere in the life of the faid lord Robert fonne of Hardinge and of James lord Berkeley the firft of that name I have written more at large:[1] But towards the latter end of kinge John and after Barons by a more fpeciall creation were by patent and laftly by Writt. |

124 ffrom which lord Robert fonne of Harding this manor came to the lord Maurice his fonne and heire, who was father of Robert and Thomas; Robert dyed without iffue, And Thomas his brother and heire had iffue Maurice, father of Thomas

[1] See Ante, Vol. I., p. 30, and Vol. II., p. 50. [Ed.]

Thomas, father of Maurice, father of Thomas, father of Maurice, father of Thomas and James; Which Thomas dyed without iſſue male, And James (who died in the life of his elder brother,) had iſſue James, heire to this manor after his vncle Thomas death: Which James, ſonne of James, had iſſue William and Maurice; Which William was created Earle of Nottingham and Marques Berkeley, and dyed without iſſue; And Maurice had iſſue Maurice and Thomas; Which Maurice dyed without iſſue; and Thomas had iſſue Thomas, father of Henry, father of Thomas, father of George now lord Berkeley, owner of this manor as aforeſaid. A°. 1639. And for the times when each of the ſaid lords dyed and for the Entayles which any of them made, or other Conveyances of this manor, I referre my reader to fol: 6. et. 7. and fol: 78. And to my deſcripc̃on of Berkeley towne fol: 77. 78, heere omitted in avoydinge double repetitions; As alſo I ſhall in ſome other pariſhes and manors following, doe the like.

Church

The Church, with the Chapell of Stinchcombe, was anciently given by to the Abbot of S^t. Peters Monaſtery in Glouc̃, in the time of[1] ; who vpon each death and avoydance preſented till the time of kinge E. 3. when it was impropriated to that Monaſtery, in A°. 1360. in 34. E. 3, And thereby (as by the Regiſter booke of the Biſhop of Worceſter appeareth,) became a poore ſtipendiary Cure, with the pention of—13^li. 6^s 8^d to the Curate ſervinge the Alter: And cõminge to the Crowne by the diſſoluc̃on of that Monaſtery in 31. H. 8. was, vpon that kings erec̃tion of the Biſhoppricke of Glouc̃, in the 34th yeare of his raigne, given (amongſt other poſſeſſions,) to the Biſhop and his Succeſſors; vnder whoſe demiſe Walter Woodward Chriſtopher Woodward and Richard Woodward nowe hold the ſame at 41^li. rent by the yeare, and pay alſo the ſaid 20. marks to Vicar or Curate there, whom they preſent, at leaſt are tyed by their leaſe to provide; Howbeit I have byn informed that the ſtipend to the Curate is a little increaſed within 2. yeares laſt, vpon the late renewinge of their leaſe with Biſhop Goodman that now is, A°. 1639, At leaſt promiſed or hoped for to bee ſoe; but the leſſor, it is ſaid, departed from his promiſe. |

The ancient dedication of this Church of Came was to S^t. George, accompted 125
the tutelary Saint therof, whoſe great picture artifically cut in wood and ſtandinge at

[1] The Church of Came with its appurtenances was granted *inter alia* by Robert de Berkeley, ſon of Maurice, by Alice, daughter of Roger Berkeley of Durſley, to the Monaſtery of St. Peter, at Glouceſter, in 1156, which grant was confirmed by King Henry III., and John, (Paynam,) Biſhop of Worceſter. (Hiſt. et Cart. Monaſterii Sancti Petri, Glouceſtriæ, Vol. I., p. 114.) [Ed.]

at the porch of the Church was from thence in the raigne of kinge Edward the fixt, caryed to Colbrooke in a Clothiers waine, 15. myles from London, in his travell with his cloth thither towords Blackwell hall; whofe fettlement at Coldbrook begate the great Comon Inne called the George in Colbrooke to this day, 1639; ffor which tutelary Saint, fee the Will of William Hardinge in 37. H. 8, And the Inquificon after his death the fame yeare, in this County.

ffifteenes. The payment of the ffifteene or Kingfilver in this parifh of Came, when it is granted by parliament, is ioyned with Bradfton as there hath byn faid: The onus or charge both togeather is in the kings Exchequer—11li. 9s. 11d. The deduction is —3li. 3s. 4d. The remainder paid into the Excheqr. to the kinge, wherwith the Collector therof is charged, is 8li. 6s. 7d.

Subfedy. In the laft Subfedy, taxed in Ao. 5to. Rg. Car, there were in this Manor of Came, (not accomptinge Stichcombe nor the hamblets therof) 23. fubfedy men who paid—11li. 6d. 8d.

Able men. And of able men for the warres betweene 20. and 60. yeares old were in Ao. 6to. Rg. Jacobi, which then fhewed themfelves before Henry lord Berkeley then lord Leiutenant of the County,—121.

Soldiers. And now are of trayned foldiers vnder William Thorpe Efq. their captaine, 22. vz, 12. corfletts and 10. mufkets.

Rates. And if the wholl divition of Berkeley accompted a 4th part of the county of Glouc, bee rated in any tax for kinge or comon wealth to pay—100li., then this hundred of Berkeley paies therof—33li. 3s. And this manor of Came (befides Stinchcombe)—53s. 4d. And foe after that rate, bee the tax more or leffe.

Freeholders within this manor or Lop. of Came.

Draicote. One of the moft ancient and remarkeable freeholds is called Draycotes, or the manor of Draycote; And was by Roger Berkeley of Durfley fonne of Robert Berkeley, in the time of kinge Henry the firft, given (by the name of all the land of Draycote with the appurtenants,) to John the fonne of Ewftace of Came and his heires, To hold by the fourth part of one knights fee, and the yearly rent of—3s. 9d. As by the originall deed, which I have feene, appeareth: And this manor or land of Draycote extendeth into the villages or hamblets of Came, Durfley, Nybley,
126 and Cowley. | And is nowe the feverall inheritances of my felfe, Richard Bower,
John

John Browninge, William Sage, John Trotman, John Stinchcombe, Wiłłm [over Edward] Hill, John Parſlowe, John Walkeley in minority, and John Hardinge, which hee purchaſed of Thomas Pope; And Iſaack Smyth of Durſley, who hath the greateſt part therof, worth—100li per anñ; which in A°. Rꝑ Caroli hee purchaſed of Joſeph Hardinge ſonne of George, ſecond ſonne of Richard Hardinge, the purchaſer thereof from

The foreſaid Roger Berkeley of Durſley is hee who then held the great manor of Berkeley, wherof the manor of Came is a member and parcell, of that kinge H. 1. 1. in feefarme; whoſe daughter Alice (accordinge to an agreemt made at Briſtoll in the houſe of Robert the ſonne of Harding often before mentioned, in the preſence of kinge Stephen, and of Henry then Duke of Normandy after kinge of England by the name of Henry the ſecond,) was ſhortly after maryed to Maurice ſonne of the ſaid Robert ſonne of Hardinge; vpon which agreement the ſaid Roger Berkeley of Durſeley releaſed all his title and claime in this manor of Came and in the ſaid manor and Barony of Berkeley, to the ſaid Robert ſonne of Harding and his heires, To whom Henry the ſecond then Duke had lately before given the ſame, As in the life of the ſaid Robert ſonne of Hardinge I have at large written, in the hiſtory of his family: And this Deed of the land of Draicote, thus made by the ſaid Roger Berkeley of Durſley, was afterwards in the time of kinge Henry the third recited and confirmed by Thomas then lord Berkeley, ſonne and heire of the ſaid Maurice and Alice, ſonne and heire of the ſaid Robert ſonne of Harding, To hold by the foreſaid rent and ſervices; which Deed alſo I have ſeene: To the poſterity of which John ſonne of Euſtace of Came, and alſo to other families who came by diſcent or purchaſe to bee owners of this land of Draicote, The remarkeablenes and ſeizin therof gave them the Sirname of Draicote, or de Draicote, ſo longe as it continued entire in one mans poſſeſſion; Such were, Rađus de Draicote who lived in the time of kinge H. 2., Joħes de Draicote who lived in the 20. and 32. of kinge H. 3., Roƀtus de Draicote who lived in the time of kinge E. 1., Stepħus de Draicote who lived in the 35. of the ſaid kinge E. 1., and in the time of kinge E. 2. and leaſt iſſue John Draicote, who lived in the time of kinge | Edward the third; whoſe daughter and heire called Jone Draicote was maried to 127
from whom iſſued (after one or two diſcents betweene) Robert Draicote ałs Tanner, father of John Draicote ałs Tanner, written alſo John Dreicote ałs dictus John Gilman of Durſeley genĩ, who dyed in the third yeare of kinge Henry the ſeaventh, leavinge this land to diſcend to his two daughters and heires, vz, Jone and Iſable, often written Elizabeth: Of whom

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1. The ſaid Jone was firſt maryed to Thomas Stanton, by whom ſhee had noe iſſue; and ſecondly maryed to Henry Beale, by whom ſhee had iſſue three daughters; vz, 1 Alice (written alſo Aliva in ſome records) firſt maried to Robert ffeylond, and after to Richard Goffe: 2 Jone, maried to John Moody, And 3 Anne: which Jone and Anne dyed without iſſue, and the ſaid Alice the eldeſt ſiſter dyed in 4. H. 8. which yeare alſo dyed the ſaid Jone.

2. The ſaid Iſable (written ſomtimes Elizabeth,) ſiſter alſo of the ſaid Jone Dreicote, was maried to Richard Catſon als Plowmaker and dyed in 7. H. 8. leavinge iſſue Margery, maried to Henry Baynam, who died in 12. H. 8. without iſſue, wherby the ſaid Alice her cozen germane became her heire; And theis are thoſe woemen and their huſbands who in the times of kinge H. 8. and of Queene Eliz: have aliened this ancient freehold and parcell of land in ſuch ſort, by their ſeverall ſales at ſeverall times, that it is become the inheritance of thoſe 10. ſeverall perſons before named, wherof my ſelfe am one; but noe one acre therof is in the poſterity or iſſue of the ſaid John ſonne of Euſtace of Came, the firſt feoffee, though many remaine at this day.

And for proofe of the greateſt part if not of all before written of this Draicote, conſult with theis records, vizt,

Finis in banco. 32. H. 3. Inter Came et Draicote.
Inq: 2. H. 8. p̃t mortem Joñis Dreicote als Tanner.
Inq: 20. H. 8. p̃t mortem Margeř Baynham.—per ſervic̃ militare.
Triñ Rec̃ in Scc̃io. 21. H. 8. Rot. 20. c̃m Reñ Theſauř.—p ſervic̃ mil.
ffinis in banco. 35. H. 8. p Ric̃o Hardinge.
ffinis in banco. 35. H. 8. p Joñe Hardinge
ffinis in banco. 37. H. 8. p Joñe Tomlins als Minor.
Micħas Rec̃. 16. H. 8. rot. 9. in ſcc̃io c̃m Reñ theſauř.—p ſervic̃ mil.
Rec̃. in banco. 4. & 5. Ph: & Mař. Rot. 836.
ffinis in banco. Triñ 5. Eliz. Inter Joñem Cowley et Ric̃m Gough als Goffe, de medietate manij de Draicote, et teñ in Nibley.
Triñ Rec̃. 5. Eliz. Rot. 41. in ſcc̃io c̃m Reñ Theſauř.—per ſervic̃ mil., beſt. |
128 Rec̃. in banco. 10. Eliz. de partitione, inter Hardinge, et al.
ffinis in banco. 30. Eliz. pro Browninge.
Inq: 4. Caroli, p̃t mortem Joñis Browninge.—very good:—p ſervic̃ mil.
Inq: 15. Caroli. p̃t mortē Ric̃i Walkeley—p ſervic̃ mil.—found by himſelfe.
Rot.

Rot. pateñ. 2. E. 2. ps. 1. in dorſo. in arce London. Stephus de Draicote arr̃ aſſiſam verſus Ricm̃ Aſtmead ctic̃m de teñ in Came.

And after in Draycote fol: 173.

Inq: 37. E. 3. de feodis de Berkeley in ſc^a^c̃io.—p ſerviciū miſ.

Co: roll, in a paper booke, 4. H. 8. p̃t mortē Johie Beale.—p ſervic̃ miſ. et her̃.

Court roll in pchm^t^ of Came 20. H. 8. p̃t mortē Margeriæ Baynam—p herioť. good.

Co: rolls of Cowley. 1. et 3. Eliz. p̃t mortē Johis Parſlowe. r̃ 34^s^ 4^d^ et p ſerviciū militare.

Co: roll of Came. 7. H. 8. p̃t mortē Iſabellæ vxor̃ Ric̃i Plowmaker. r̃. 44^s^ p homag̃ et herieť.

Co: roll of Cowley.

Hall place. late Hardings now Hoptons.

Heere alſo in Came is one other ancient freehold called the Hall place, which as eminent above others gave the name to ſome of the owners (inhabitants in the meſſuage,) to bee anciently written John At Hall, Thomas At Hall, &c. And was by William Hopton the elder in the 7th yeare of kinge Charles, purchaſed (in the names of his five feoffees,) who after conveyed the ſame to William Hopton, ſonne and heire of the ſaid William,) of William Harding ſonne of John Hardinge, ſonne of Thomas Hardinge, ſonne of Richard Hardinge, ſonne of William Hardinge, who died in 37. H. 8: As by two Inquiſic̃ons remaininge of Record, found after his death, appeareth: Hee beinge ſonne of Thomas Hardinge and of Margaret his wife daughter and coheire of Willm Heyward, ſonne of John Heyward and of Lucia his wife daughter and heire of Roger de Came, ſonne of Henry de Came, ſonne of Raphe de Came, who dyed in 16. E. 1. as by Rot. finiū. 16. E. 1. membr. 11. in the tower of London appeares: Before which Raphe, it was the land of Maurice de Came, and of Roger de Came, And in the raigne of kinge R. 1. of Hugh de Came: much the greater part of which meſſuage and lands is holden of the manor of Durſley by knight ſervice, and the reſidue of the lord Berkeley as of his manor of Came, as in the foreſaid Inquiſic̃ons is perticulerly ſpecified: ffor which meſſuage and land ſee alſo the will of the ſaid William Hardinge ſonne of Thomas and Margaret, dated 2. ffebr: 36. H. 8. wherby hee | did ſeverally convey 129
theis and other his lands amongſt his ſonnes, mentioned alſo in the ſaid Inquiſic̃ons of 37. H. 8. whoſe poſterities hold part of them in Cowley and Slimbridge to this day A^o^ 1639. And this meſſuage and moſt of the land is within the Leete of the manor of Durſeley and not of the Leet of Berkeley: And one Cotage orchard and garden

garden ground the ſaid laſt mentioned Wiſſm Hardinge ſonne of John ſold in fee to Samuell Trotman, and hee to ffrancis Webbe of London, And hee in the yeare, 1638. to Edward Hall of Came, to whoſe other freehold there it adioyneth. And for this land ſee alſo an Inquiſicõn in 19. E. 2. after the death of Wiſſm Coriet, which alſo findeth Wiſſm Hoptons cheiſe rent of—12ˢ 4ᵈ lately queſtioned againſt him: See alſo fol: 159.

Planches. nowe Sommers.

Heere alſo in this pariſh is another ancient freehold meſſuage and land, called Planches, or la planca, of old eſteemed halfe an hide of land, called the ffarme of Planches in many evidences, now the inheritance of John Somers, ſonne of Lawrance Somers who dyed in 19. Jacobi, having in 18. Eliz. purchaſed the ſame of William Berkeley of Creſſage in the pariſh of Cond in the County of Salop, who was brother and heire of Edward Berkeley, ſonne of John Berkeley, ſonne of Edmond, ſonne of John, ſonne of Edmond, ſonne of John Berkeley called alſo Planch, ſonne of John de Planches, ſonne of John Berkeley, third ſonne of Maurice lord Berkeley the third lord of that name, who by his Deed dated on wedneſday the feaſt day of the Epiphany, the 6ᵗʰ of January in 15. E. 2, conveyed the ſame to the ſaid John Berkeley, his ſonne, and to the heires males of his body, by the name of all his lands and tenements at planches in Came, with the ſervices of thoſe his tenants there, which Thomas lord Berkeley father of him the ſaid lord Maurice had purchaſed of Thomas Monmouth, lord of the ſaid lands called planches; Rendringe to him the ſaid lord Maurice vnam capellam roſarum, (one chaplet or garland of roſes,) on midſomer day, for all ſervices; As by the two duplicates of the originall Deed, the one in Berkeley caſtle the other with the ſaid John Somers., appeareth: ffor which roſes the ſaid John Somers payeth a penny of yearly rent to this manor of Came at this day; Aº 1639. Howbeit the ancient tenure of this farme or halfe hide of land was of the manor of Durſeley, within the Leet wherof it ſtill is and not of Berkeley: wherof ſee more in the deſcription of Durſeley fol: 175.
130 And in the time of kinge Henry the ſecond this halfe hide of land was the | inheritance of Hugo de planca, And in the time of kinge Richard the firſt of Rogerus de planca; And in 3. E. 2. of John Monmouth, ſonne and heire of Walter de Monmouth, who then dyed ſeized therof, And Thomas was his brother and heire then 16. yeares old, ſonne alſo of the ſaid Walter de Monmouth.

By an Inquiſicõn in the tower of London in 45. H. 3. William Leſſeborrowe held one carucate of land in la planch in Came of Thomas de la planch, by the rent of halfe a marke and ſute to the court of Durſele, And that Agatha the wife of Henry de Deane was his daughter and heire, 20. yeares old. By

By Inq: 50. H. 3. Willm Mauduit was found to hold one yard land in la planch, and to have byn againſt the kinge in the feidge of Marlebge and in the battell of Lewes.

By Inq: 3. E. 2, John Monmouth ſonne and heir of Walter, and Thomas ſonne and heire of John Monmouth, are found to hold 10. acres at la planch of Thomas lord Berkeley: And alſo to hold 87. acres of the heire of William Berkeley of Durſeley, in ward to the kinge.

In 6. E. 3. Katherine the widowe of Thomas Monmouth did arraigne an aſſiſe for theis lands of planches againſt John Berkeley aforeſaid, by the name of John ſonne of Maurice lord Berkeley. Rot. pateñ. A° ꝑd. in dorſo.

Selimans lands als Selmans.

Heere alſo in another ſmall freehold of a quarter of a yard land the inheritance of William Seliman, holden of George lord Berkeley as of his manor of Came by knight ſervice fute of Court heriot ſervice and the yearly rent of—10ˢ 6ᵈ. Which Thomas lord Berkeley the ſecond lord of that name by his Deed dated in a° 29. E. 1. gave, by the name of totum illud ferdellum terræ cum ꝑtineñ in Came, to Walter Seliman and Maud his wife, and to the heires of their bodies, To hold vnder the yearly rent of—10ˢ 6ᵈ and heriot accordinge to the cuſtome of that manor for all ſervices, ſavinge the regall ſervice (regali ſervicio) which as the Deed proveth, is by knights ſervice: An eſtate taile that I ſuppoſe yet continueth vndiſcontinued; which Walter and Maud the donees had iſſue John Seliman, father of John, father of John, father of John, father of Auguſtine and John, which Auguſtine dyed without iſſue in 1°. Maꝛ. leavinge John his brother and heire, who died 13° Eliz: and had iſſue William Selman that yet liveth, 1639. And ſurely the honeſt ſimplicity of this William Selman, (and of all his forefathers as credible tradition delivers,) is agreeable to the name, beinge plaine ſilly ſimple men, livinge of this little in all their generations, without diminucon or increaſe of further | eſtate then 131
this quarter of an yard land: And ſome little more they have in Stancombe, which came

Which originall deed vnder ſeale in Berkeley caſtle for the rarity it ſhall not greive mee to have copied out in thies words, vz,

Omnibus xpi fidelibus hoc preſens ſcriptum inſpecturis, Thomas Dns de Berkeley ſalm in dno: Noveritis me dediſſe conceſſiſſe et hoc preſenti ſcripto confirmaſſe Waltero

Waltero Selyman de Came et Matildæ vxori ſuæ, Totum illud ſerdellum terræ cum ptineñ quod priùs de me tenuerunt ad terminum vitæ in Came: Hēnd et tenend totm pdcm ſerdellum cū oibus ptineñ ſuis, de me et hered meis, pdcis Waltero et Matildæ vxori ſuæ et hered ſuis de corpore eoꝝ legittime procreatis, liberè, quietè bene et in pace, Reddendo anuatim mihi et hered meis pdci Walterus et Matilda vxor eius ad terminū vitæ eorundem, dimidiam marcam argenti ad quatuor anni terminos principales equali porcone. Et ſex denarios pro vna acra et dimid claudend iuxta la holewell ad terminos pd dum in clauſo duraverit; Et poſt deceſſum pdictorū Walteri et Matildæ, heredes eoꝝ legittime de corporibus ſuis procreati reddent anuatim decem ſolidos et ſex denarios, ad terminos ſupradictos, pro eod tenemento et clauſo, pro omnibus ſervicijs et ſecularibus demandis ad me vel heredes meos ptinentibus, Salvo regali [ſervicio] quantum pertinet ad tantm tentm in eod feodo, et denariis beati Petri et herieto cùm acciderit ſcdm conſuetudinē Manij. Et ſalvis duobus adventibus apud Berkel p anñ ad viſum francij pledgij. Et ſi contingat qd pdcus Walterus et Matilda proximo herede eorū infra ætatem exiſtente obierint, volo qd dcus heres, non obſtante minoritate, ſeiſinam dci teñti ſtatim heat per rectm et debitum releviū ſcdm vſū manij ſine contradictione. Et ego pdcus Thomas et heredes mei totum pdcum ſerdellum terræ cm ptineñ pdcis Waltero et Matildæ et hered eoꝝ de corporibus ſuis legittime procreatis in forma pdca contra omnes mortales warrantizabimus imppetuū. In cuius rei teſtimoniū huic ſcripto bipertito ſigillum meū appoſuimus. Datū apud Berkel die ſci marci evangeliſtæ, anno regni regis Edwardi, viceſimo nono. Hijs teſtibus, Robto de Berkel, Thoma de Swonhungre, Henrico de Came, Waltero Hathemere, et alijs.

But quære, whether this deed diſchargeth the wardſhip of the body, as it doth of the land.

Naſſe Court. nowe Trotmans.

Heere alſo is another ancient meſſuage and two yard land called Naſſe Court, the inheritance of John Trotman comonly called of the knapp, accordinge to the ſituacon of the ſaid Meſſuage; Which John is ſonne of Nicholas Trotman who died in 19° Eliz., ſonne of John Trotman who dyed about 20. houres before the ſaid Nicholas, ſonne of Thomas Trotman, who in 1. et 2. Ph: et Mar, purchaſed
132 the | ſaid meſſuage and lands of John Berkeley of Beverſton Caſtle, then eſquire, after knight, therby ſeveringe it from his manor of Woodmancote in the pariſh of Durſley wherof it was parcell, And till then held by Copy of Court roll accordinge to the cuſtome of that manor, as by the copy therof amongſt the evidences of the ſaid which I have ſeene, appeareth: And the ſaid Thomas Trotman

Trotman the purchafer of this land dyed in A°. 5. et 6. Ph: & Mar̃. And was fonne of Henry Trotman who died in 18. H. 8. fonne of John Trotman who dyed in , fonne of Elias Trotman who died in , fonne of Robert Trotman who died in 5. H. 5. brother and heire of Walter, fonnes of John Trotman, fonne of Richard, who lived in the time of kinge E. 2. ffor which purchafe made by the faid Thomas Trotman of John Berkeley fee a fine in banco in Triñ terme. 5. Mar̃ de teñ in Came et Slimbridge. And for the difcent of the faid John Berkeley, whofe anceftors had for many difcents held this meffuage and land, fee in Beverfton. fol: 97. And Woodmancote fol: 389. And is holden of George lord Berkeley by knight fervice, fute to his hundred court of Berkeley from 3. weekes to 3. weekes, and by the yearly rent of—10^{s} And of—6^{d} more paid for other lands which longe have beene occupied therwith: Some part of which lands, viz. a meffuage and one acre and a quarter of ground, are nowe the inheritance of Nicholas Trotman, fonne of Edward Trotman of Came, called of the Stepps, As by an Inquificõn found the laft yeare A°. 14. R^{e} Car̃ 1638, after the death of the faid Edward, appeareth; And which hee the faid Edward by Deed dated 20. Junij Anno 12. R^{e} Jacobi purchafed of John Trotman his eldeft brother, as the faid Inquificõn fheweth: And for which the faid John hath 40^{s} p Anñ paid to him as a rent charge out of the fame.

And by Deed 20. E. 3. Walter de Naffe Dñs de Naffe, granted to Thomas lord Berkeley the third lord of that name A meffuage and 2. yard land, by the name of all his lands and teñts in Came which were Henry de Naffe his fathers; To hold to the faid lord Thomas for his life, And after his death to Maurice his fonne (poftnatus) and to the heires males of his body, the remainder to the heires males of the body of the faid lord Thomas and of Katherine his fecond wife, the Rem^{r} to the right heires of the faid lord Thomas; To bee held of the cheife lord by the rents and fervices accuftomed: (but the faid deed though made that yeare yet is not dated:) And the faid John Berkeley who aliened this land to Thomas Trotman, was the heire male of the body of the faid lord Thomas and Katherine, As in Woodmancote fol: 389 appeareth: And from the ancient feifin of this Walter de Naffe and his anceftors continueth the name of Naffe court to this day, 1639, to this meffuage and land. |

This Naffe court with other lands the faid John Trotman hath by his deed 133
dated 6. mcij. A°. 14. R^{e} Jacobi, fetled after the death of himfelfe, vpon Henry his eldeft fonne and the heires males of his body with Remainder over, the Remainder to the heires of the faid John.

Heere

Baſſetts lands.

Heere are about 25. acres with an houſe vpon part therof alſo, called Baſletts lands, late the inheritance of William Baſſet Eſq, which lineally had diſcended vpon him from the time of kinge Henry the third, holden of this manor of Came by knight ſervice, ſute of Court, and the yearly rent of 12d; wherof (eſpetially for the diſcent) read more in Ewley, fol: [188]. And are nowe the ſeverall inheritances of Thomas Mors, ſonne of John, who holdeth 10. acres therof and paies—7d cheife rent, part of the ſaid—12d And of Thomas Cliffe who holds 15. acres therof, and paies—4d parcell of the ſaid 12d And of John Hutchens who holds the ſaid Cotage cm ptiñ and paies—1d the reſidue of the ſaid 12d All which theis Records (beſides many other evidences) doe fully ſhewe, vizt;

See after in this page.

q: if Cliffe have all yt Giles Hitchins pcha: of Baſſet.

Inq: pt mortē Edmondi Baſſet.
Rot. patent. 11. E. 3. in arce Lond:
Inq: 24. H. 7. pt mortē Robti Baſſet.
Inq: 35. H. 8. pt mortē Egidij Baſſet.
Inq: 16. Eliz. pt mortē Robti Baſſet.
Diverſæ Cartæ cum Willimo Baſſett pd, quas perlegi.
See more in the deſcription of Ewley.
And a Deed in Berkeley Caſtle without date, wherby Richard Berkeley granted to Anſelme Baſſet and Margaret his wife, and to the heires of Anſelme, 30. acres and an halfe, in the townes of Came and Chofley, wherof 16. acres and an halfe in Came, To hold of him and his heires, Rendringe and doeinge to the cheife lords the ſervices and rents due and accuſtomed. This Richard was ſonne to the lord Maurice the firſt, and great vncle to the ſaid Margaret.
Came Co: roll: 8. Jac. for the alienacons and apportionment of the 12d rent.
Co: roll of Came. 38. Eliz. Willm Baſſet obijt. ꝛ 12d.

And in this manor of Came is a meſſuage garden and 60. acres of land, and 3. acres of meadowe, holden of the lord Berkeley by knight ſervice, wherof Edmund Baſſet in 4. E. 2. dyed feiſed, as his office ſheweth; which in partition amongſt his three ſiſters and heires were allotted to Margaret maried to Nicholas de Valers,
134 who | ſhortly after ſold them or the greater part to Thomas lord Berkeley, as by Deeds in Berkeley caſtle doth appeare.

By Deed 30. April. A° 8. Jac, Willm Baſſet aliened in fee to John Morſe a cloſe of paſture called Shortworthy cont. 6. acres, And an acre of mead in Brightenmead, in 2. places therof: And 3. acres of arrable land in Downfeild.

By

By deed, 1. Maij. A° 8. Jac̃. Willm Baffet aliened to John Hutchens in fee, A meffuage garden and a pcell of pafture ground adioyninge containing one rood.

And by Deed dated 1. Maij. A° 8. Jac̃. aliened to Giles Hutchens in fee, A meffuage garden orchard and a clofe called the homeclofe conť halfe an acre, A clofe called hangingly conť 2. acres, A clofe called Credins brooke conť 2. acres, And 3. acres and an halfe of arrable land in fouthfeild, in 4. places, And a clofe of pafture in hidefeild called Bufhinge grove conť. 3. acres, and 2. acr̃ of ar̃r land in hidefeild called Bankefland; And other two acres of arrable in the faid hidefeild abutť on the kings highway on the north end.

Heere alfo neere vnto the church is an ancient meffuage with 60 acres of land meadowe and pafture therto belonginge, comonly called Oulpens, holden of this manor of Came by knight fervice, fute of Court, and the yearly rent of—7d. ob̃. nowe the inheritance of Willm Hardinge, who paies—6d. ob̃. therof; And of Thomas Mors, who paies—1d. Thomas Cliffe, alfo Thomas Daunt, Somers, and Willm Plomer, hold fome other parts of this land, but pay noe part of the rent: See the Court roll of Came. 2° et 10° Jacobi. Daunts lands. olim, Olpens.

By an Inq: in 24 Eliz. Edward Woolworth als Webb is found to dye feifed of 34. acres of land in Came, holden by fute of Court and the yearly rent of–2d. ob̃.; And to bee conveyed in taile to Chriftopher Woolworth and Willm Woolworth, the remainder to his owne right heires. And that Margery the wife of Thomas Rawlyns als Compton, daughter of John Woolworth, is his grandchilde and heire, of full age: This land fhortly after came by purchafe to Edward Trotman of Came, who with Edward his fonne and heire after aliened the fame to Willm Hardinge and others.

And for further proofe, fee an Inq: 13. H. 8. 2. bundle, after the death of Margery Daunt daughter and heire of Robert de Oulpen, from whofe feifin and of many of his anceftors theis lands received their name of Oulpens, which holds to this day. And fee alfo an Inq: in 35. H. 8. after the death of Chriftopher Daunt fonne and heire of the faid Margery. And more fully in my defcription of Oulpen fol: 309. which I heere omit, in avoidinge double repetitions. |

Heere alfo in another ancient meffuage called Woodends houfe, with two yard land therto belonginge, now the inheritance of Edward Hill genť, which this prefent yeare, 1638. hee purchafed of ffrancis Webb of London as after followeth; holden 135 Woodend-houfe. late Trotmans nowe Hills.

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of the lord Berkeley as of his manor of Came, by knight fervice fute of Court and the yearly rent of 24s as after more pticulerly followeth: who alfo for fome other fmall parcell of land longe occupied therwith and togeather paieth—2d more. Which lands have removed as nowe followeth.

By Deed without date, (which I have feene,) Robert lord Berkeley (the fecond of that name) who died in 4. H. 3, as formerly in Berkeley and other places appeares; granted to **Roger de Woodend** (the true fcituacõn of this houfe and lands,) vnam dimidiam virgatam terræ in Came, fcĩt, illã dimidiã virgata terræ cum meffuagio et õibus alijs ptineñ fuis, que Rađus de Boleia tenuit, Tenendum fibi et heređ fuis, de me et heređ meis, liberè honorifice et quietè, Reddenđ mihi et heređ meis pro omni fervicio, confuetudine et exactione, octo folidos, vz, Ad fefĩm Michis—4s et fefĩm beatæ Mariæ in ñcio 4s Salvo Dñi regis fervicio, vz, quantum ptinet ad dimiđ virgatã terre in eađ. villa.

And by another Deed without date alfo, (which I have likewife feene,) Thomas lord Berkeley brother and heire of the faid lord Robert (the firft of that name,) who died in 28. H. 3, as formerly alfo in Berkeley and other places appeares, Remifit Ricõ filio Rogeri de la Wudende de Came pro homagio et fervicio fuo, in liberũ maritagiũ cum Sibilla filia Petri Sanmelis, quatuor folidos redditus de viginti octo folidis, quos dictus Rogerus mihi fingulis annis reddere confuevit, pro vna virgata terræ et dimiđ quam bone memoriè Robtus de Berkeł frater meus dicto Rogero et heređ fuis, dedit et cartis fuis confirmavit; (A deed I have not yet feene;) Et infuper dictus Thomas remifit dicto Ricardo in libeř maritagiũ cm ꝑdicta Sibilla et heređ fuis, fectã hundredi mei nifi tantùm quod tèr in anno ad hundredum meum rationabilitèr vocatus accedat, vz, ad prox hundređ poft fefĩm fci Michis, et ad prox hundredũ ꝑt fefĩm fci Hillarij, et ad hundredum de Hockday; with a confirmacõn of the faid yard land and an halfe: Rendringe yearly—24s at the fower feaft daies, of xmas, Eafter, St John Baptift, and Michas, for all fervices exactions and worldly demands, Salvo tanĩm regali fervicio quanĩm ptinebit ad vnã virgatã terræ et dimidiã in eadem; As by the Deed, with a feale of red wax with the George mounted, circumfcribed **Sigillum Thome de Berkelei,** appeares.

In the 17th of E. 2. it was the land of Thomas at Woodend.

By a Deed in Berkeley caftle in 4. H. 5. Wiłłm Kedon, cozen and heire of Richard Wodeende of Came, releafed to Wiłłm Longford of Came and to John Cowley

Cowley of Stinchcombe and their heires, All his right and eſtate in all thoſe lands and tenements, which to him diſcended after the death of Richard Wodeende his cozen in Came, | And by another Deed, there alſo, in 6. H. 5. John Cowley aforeſaid 136
releaſed to the ſaid William Longford and his heires, All his eſtate right title &c. in all thoſe lands tenements revertions &c. in Came, which hee had of the guift and grant of Willm Kedon cozen and heire of Richard Wodeend of Came. And thus moved this land from the family and name of Woodend, to the name and family of Longford.

In the 9. H. 5., 1. H. 6., 21. H. 6., 26. H. 6., it was the land of Willm Longford aforeſaid, who in that 26th yeare gave the ſame by the name of a meſſuage and one yard land and an halfe called Woodends, to John his ſonne in taile, the remainder to his owne right heires; In which name of Longford (wherby the lands are to this day called Longfords lands,) it continued vntill the time of kinge Henry the ſeaventh.

In the 13th of kinge Henry the ſeaventh, John Longford, a marchant in Briſtoll, conveyed the ſame to Mathew Catchmay and his heires, by the name of all his lands in Came or elſewhere within the hundred of Berkeley.

In 21. H. 8. Willm Catchmay conveyed to Richard Brayne and his heires, A meſſuage in Came and all his lands there which diſcended to him aſter the death of Agnes Catchmay his grandmother.

In 35. H. 8. the ſaid Richard Brayne conveyed to Thomas Trotman and his heires, All thoſe two meſſuages with their appurtenants called Longfords; And one other meſſuage and halfe a yard land in Whetenhurſt, Which (with a Releaſe alſo,) is inrolled with the clarke of the peace of this county; And in 1. E. 6. A fine was levied of theis lands betweene Thomas Trotman q̃. and Richard Brayne and Eliz. Aſhby widowe, def^ts^ by the names of 3. meſ^s^ and 180. acres. &c. in Came and Whetenhurſt.

From which Thomas Trotman this land came to Richard his ſecond ſonne and his heires, Againſt whom, a title to theis lands was pretended by George Goffe in right of Mary his wife, Jone ap Roberts, widowe, and Thomas James, as coheires to Mary Catchmay after wife of William Warren, which beinge ended by Arbitrement, A fine (amongſt other affurances) was levied in Trinity terme, 20. Eliz. betweene Richard Trotman plt̃, and George Goffe and Mary his wife, Thomas James

James, and Jone ap Roberts, widowe, coheires of Mary Catchmay defs by the names of 3. mefs. and 180. acres, &c. in Came; The Indenture leadinge the vfe to the faid Richard Trotman and his heires, And the Arbitrement, That the queftion was for Woodends houfe in Came, and one yard land and an halfe therto belonginge: And for another houfe and halfe a yard land therto belonginge in Came alfo, called Lampland. Touchinge which Lampland, all I have found is That 24o Augufti. 3. E. 6. the kinge granted 2s rent p Anñ to Wiłłm Saule and Wiłłm Bridges and their heires, who 18. Octobr. the fame yeare granted the fame to Thomas Trotman
137 and his heires, goeinge | out of a certaine tenement in Came called Longfords houfe, Ad fuftentandum vnū lampadem in Ecclefia de Came.

The faid Thomas Trotman dyed (as hath byn faid) in 5. et 6. Ph: & Mar, leavinge this land in Came to Richard his fecond fonne aforefaid, who built a faire houfe thervpon And after died in 35. Eliz. wherby it difcended to Edward his eldeft fonne, who vpon maryage of Edward his eldeft fonne with the widowe of John Aylway, conveyed the revertion after his owne life in fee or fee tayle to the faid Edward his fonne, fince a Reader in Court and bencher in the Inner Temple, yet livinge. Who after fundry mortgages therof and of other lands to Henry Prat of London, made by him and Edward his fonne and heire apparant, And to Wiłłm Hill of Tuexbury and John Wakeman, Samuell Trotman, and Throgmorton Trotman, his brothers and kinfmen, vpon loanes of monies and for their indemnities from debts as fuerties for him the faid Edward, They all by ffine Recovery and Deeds in 10. Regis Caroli, conveyed the fame to the vfe of ffrancis Webb aforefaid and his heires; Who by Deed and fine in 14. Rꝰ Caroli, conveyed the fame to Edward Hill aforefaid and his heires, to whom Elizabeth my third daughter is wife. The Epitaph of which Edward Trotman the father is in Came church in theis words: Heere lyeth the body of Mr Edward Trotman the elder, late of Eftwood, fonne of Mr Richard Trotman of Poole court in Worcefterfhire, by Katherine his wife daughter of Edward Tindall Efquire: Hee was borne the 5th day of October, ao Dñi. 1545. and comfortably departed this life the 6th of June. 1633. Thus his Tombe.

Aftmead in Came.

In this parifh of Came, in the hamblet called Aftmead als Afhmead which confifteth of 4. ancient dwellinge houfes, is one meffuage called Miles place at White croffe greene with halfe a yard land therto belonginge, of old parcell of the forefaid manor of Draicote, nowe of late the inheritance of John Stinchcombe, fonne of John fonne of Robert and Welthian his wife, daughter of John Tomlins als

ats Minard, to whom the faid John by his Will devifed the fame in generall tayle, havinge in the 37th H. 8. purchafed the fame (inter alia) of John Nelme, fonne of Richard fonne of John fonne of William Nelme, and of Tibote his wife, daughter of Jone Dreycote, daughter and coheire of John Dreycote, fonne of Stephen de Dreycote, wherof fee more in Dreycote fol: 125. 126. And is holden as the reft of that farme or manor of Draycote, by knight fervice, and fuite of Court, as before is written fol: pdcõ. |

138 Mabfons lands, nowe Trotmans.

Heere alfo, is a meffuage watermill and lands comonly called Mabfons lands, now or late the inheritance of John Trotman, holden of this manor of Came by knight fervice fute of Court and the yearly rent of—13s. 4d, which John is fonne of Nicholas who dyed 19. Eliz., fonne of John who dyed alfo 19. Eliz., fonne of Thomas who dyed 5. et 6. Ph: et Mar, fonne of Henry Trotman who dyed 18. H. 8, havinge by deed dated 17. Aprit a° 3. H. 8. purchafed the fame of Henry Mabfon, and which before were the lands of William Mabfon, who was in ward for the fame; ffrom whofe feifin and other of their Anceftors the name of Mabfons land ftill continueth; Nowe the inheritance of Henry Trotman fonne of John.

Of this land alfo, theis have part, vizt,

Corietts.

Heere alfo is an ancient meffuage with 90. acres of ground, anciently efteemed a Carucate of land, with a grift mill and two fullinge mills comonly called and knowne by the name of Coriets, ats Coriets place; now the inheritance of Samuell Hardinge, fonne of William lately dead who purchafed the fame of Arnold Oldifworth Efq in 10. Jacobi, And hee by deed dated 20° Julij A° 9° Jacobi pd, of Henry lord Berkeley, whofe grandchild and heire George lord Berkeley now is, wherin the faid Lord referved the feefarme rent of—3li. p ann, anciently paid, paiable halfe yearly, And 39s rent to bee paid to John Hardinge, (now Willm Hoptons) and to Thomas Taylor, and their heires yearely, and fute of court to his manor of Came, or 4d for every default.

These of old were the lands of Walter Coriet and other of that Sirname, very ancient freeholders there, which cominge by purchafe (as I conceive) to the hands of the Lords of the manor of Came, were for many yeares, yea ages, granted by copy of court roll accordinge to the cuftome of that their manor, for 3. lives fucceffively, the laft copihold wherof was John Somers; Howbeit, vpon an Informacõn of

of Intrusion, exhibited in the Exchequer by Queene Eliz. in the 22th of her raigne against the said Henry lord Berkeley, grounded vpon the Attainder of John Dudley Duke of Northumberland, hee was by Jury found guilty, and hee and his said tenant
139 John Somers, then an old man above 80. yeares, turned out of | possession, by a Decree in the Court of Wards in Easter terme in the 42th yeare of her raigne; havinge till that time continued a quiet possession notwithstandinge the said Recovery vpon the said Informacõn, as beinge noe true ancient parcell of this manor of Came but somtime the freehold land of the said Walter Coriet, wherof much more is to bee read in the said Decree, and in the Bill Answeres and Depositions of witnesses taken in that cause, wheron that Decree was grounded, whither I send him that desireth more.

See an Inq: for that land in Januar̃. 15. Rℓ Caroli. 1639. pt mortē

Trotmans of the Stepps.

Heere also is a messuage and 36. acres of land, late the inheritance of Edward Trotman, called of the Stepps from the greesings or staires of stone leadinge out of the street vp into the said messuage; And also 7. acres of land late James Kings, And also one close called Sparkhill con̄t 8. acres, which hee by deed dated the first of July a° 9° Jacobi, purchased in fee farme of Henry lord Berkeley, then copihold lands held accordinge to the custome of that manor by Willm Bendall and others, Reservinge the yearly rent of thirty shillings and six pence payable quarterly, And —3li. 6s 8d for an heriot after the death of each tenant of the same, or of any part therof, And like sute to the Halimot court of this manor of Came as other customary tenants there doe, or 4d in money for every default: Howbeit the tenure is of the kinge by knight service in Capite, beinge part of the said Lord Berkeleys manor of Came before the said grant, which is soe holden: Which Edward dyed 9° Maij. a° 14° Car̃ regis, As an Inquisicõn after his death; a° 14. Rℓ Caroli ꝑd̃, sheweth; And the said lands remained in fee tayle generall to Nicholas his sonne by a second wife; And not to Richard sonne of William, eldest sonne of the said Edward Trotman by his first wife.

Estcourts land. Milesmore.

Heere also is a pasture ground called Mylesmore containinge 7. acres, the inheritance of Thomas Estcourt Esqꝶ sonne of Edmond Estcourt late of Tetbury, brother and heire of Thomas Estcourt of Lasseborrowe knight, which Thomas his father purchased of Richard Bridges, And before the land of Edmond Woolworth als Webbe, wherof read more in the description of Dursley: Holden of this manor of Came by fealty, and the yearly rent of—5s Inq: 1. R. 2. Nicℏus Berkeley tenuit

Milesmore

Mileſmore iuxta Durſley de Dño de Berkeley ꝑ 2ˢ 6ᵈ redđ ꝑ õibz ſervic̃. Et tenuit vnā paſturā vocat̃ Tannerſcroft iuxta Durſley de Joħe de Berkeley milite, (de Beverſton) | per redđ--5ˢ ꝑ anñ pro õibus ſervicijs. 140

See alſo the Co: roll of Came 3. Eliz. when Agnes the wife of George Jones died, who held this Mileſmore for her life, vizᵗ vnū clauſum vocat̃ Mileſmoore in Durſley, ꝑtiñ manerio de Came, per redđ—5ˢ Rob: Wikes eſt proximus heres: Which Agnes was before the wife of John Wikes ſonne and heire of Wikes of Dodington.

Tailors lands in Came and Cowley.

Heere alſo in Came, and likewiſe in Cowley, are divers lands and tenements com̄only called Taylors lands, now the ſeverall inheritances of John Trotman of Came called of the knapp, John Browninge of Cowley, Edward Hill, Wiłłm Eſſington, Nicholas ſonne of Edward Trotman of the ſtepps, which the ſaid Edward purchaſed of Griffith Trotman; which, for thoſe in Cowley were the lands of John Tailor, ſonne of Thomas, called Beeſlies, and were by William Browninge, father of John who died 5 Mar̃., father of Richard who died 37. Eliz., father of John who died 4. Caroli, father of the ſaid John Browninge of Cowley that now is, 1639. purchaſed of the ſaid John Taylor ſonne of Thomas, And are holden of that manor of Cowley by the yearly rent of—34ˢ as there appeares.

And the lands in this manor of Came were by Wiłłm Taylor and by his father Thomas, who was ſonne of John, ſonne of Thomas, aliened to the perſons aforenamed and their anceſtors, and to thoſe whoſe eſtates they have. In which family of the Tailors the ſame had continued for many diſcents ſince the time of kinge H. 4.; ffor more wherof and for the tenure ſee a Decree in the Court of Wards and liveries, formerly mentioned vnder the name of Hoptons lands late Hardings; And alſo for theis Tailors lands, And the 39ˢ goeinge out of Coriets lands ſaid to bee paid to Wiłłm Hopton and to the heires and aſſignes of Taylor; See alſo a fine in banco 10. H. 4. inter Henricum Tailor plt̃ And Walter Knight and Elizabeth his wife defᵗˢ

See alſo an Inq: 14. Caroli, for part of theis lands found after the death of the ſaid Edward Trotman father of Nicholas.

And an Inq: 4. Caroli. p̃t mortē Joħis Browninge. Co: roll of Came, 38. Eliz. Ric̃us Browninge aᵒ preceđ. rent—40ˢ ꝑ terr̃ in Came. |

Heere

141 Vpthord, in Came. now Henry Trotmans.

Heere also in the little hamblet of this parish of Came called Vpthorpe, that is the vpper or higher part of the townesshipp, is a messuage and 46. acres of ground therto belonginge, the inheritance of Henry Trotman an Atturny at the Counsell in the Marches of Wales, which hee had with some other lands by conveyance from John Trotman his father, yet livinge, dated 6. mcij, 14. Rℓ Jacobi; And hee the said John as heire to Nicholas his father, eldest sonne of John Trotman, whose third brother (called also John Trotman) purchased this messuage and land of And left it for life to Katherine his wife daughter of William Trotman of Wotton; And by the death of the said John Trotman (called of Vpthorp) without issue, the same discended to the said John Trotman as his next heire, who conveyed it to the said Henry his sonne vpon his maryage as aforesaid. And was before the land of See for this the Co: rolls of Came, 44. Eliz. when the said Katherine died. And

q: if Daunts.

By Deed without date Thomas lord Berkeley the first of that name granted to Willm de Berkeley his sonne in fee, one yard land in Came which William le Bell held of him, To hold by 4d rent for all services, Salvo regali servicio. And by another deed granted to the said Willm in fee one other yard land and an halfe in Came, To hold by 2d rent for all services, Salvo regali servicio, which (doubtles) is knights service. But whose theis lands nowe are I knowe not.

Bouresley. nowe Hoptons.

By deed in 29. E. 1. Thomas lord Berkeley gave to Henry de Came and to his heires, Totam illam culturam terræ que vocatur Bouresley continent̃ 27. acras et dimid̃ in Came, In exchange for 24s 6d rent to bee yearly received of John de Hulmancote of Cowley and his heires. By what meanes and how many discents this ground is come from the said Henry de Came to Willm Hopton, whose nowe it is, reputed as parcell of the messuage in Came called the Hall place, See before in fol: 128. |

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By the record of Extract donac̃ōñ, in 11. E. 3. membr. 12. et 36. Rex concessit Simoni Basset et hered̃ suis, duas mercatas ann̄ui redditus in Came in Com̄ Glouc̃ quæ fuerunt Joh̄is de ffoules scoti, et ad manus patris regis devenerunt ratione inimicitiæ p̄dict̃i Joh̄is.

See in Slimbridge fol: 332. for the freehold of Robert Davis which hee purchased of Thomas Veel, Rentinge to Came manor—17s 4d p ann̄.

And

And in Hurſt fol: 248. for the freeholders of Selewins land, nowe the inheritance of Beniamin Bridger Robert Davis and others, Rentinge to Came manor—10ˢ p anñ. |

Cambridge. 143

Cambridge: An hamblet or ſmall village within the manor and pariſh of Slimbridge, holden by George lord Berkeley by knight ſervice in Capite; Through which lyeth the great Road way leadinge betweene the Cities of Glouc̃ and Briſtoll.

In this Village on Sᵗ Katherines day, the 25ᵗʰ of November, is kept a faire if I may ſoe call it; but for any grant of ſuch to have byn made by the Crowne I could never find, nor thinke that any ſuch hath byn.

Heere alſo was a Chaple wherof Thomas lord Berkeley had the advowtion, as by an Inquiſiciõn found after his death in 5. H. 5. appeares; founded to the honor and worſhip of Sᵗ Katherine and of Sᵗ John Baptiſt, and endowed with competent maintenance for the preiſt, by Thomas lord Berkeley in 17. E. 3. with ſuch ſtatutes and ordinances, appointinge what kindes of Maſſe collects and praiers ſhould bee ſaid and ſonge by him, vpon vſuall daies ordinary holidaies and vpon ſpeciall feſtivall daies, in ſoe decent and holy a manner That they may ſeeme to walke hand in hand with the doctrine of theis our times in the reformed church of England: And for manners and honor of his profeſſion forbiddeth this his preiſt to take any money of any, or to bee ſervant or Chaplen to any perſon but to God only in ſpiritualities, and to himſelfe in honeſt and neceſſary temporalities: And that hee ſhould live chaſtly and honeſtly, and not goe to any markets alehouſes or tavernes, neither ſhould frequent playes or vnlawfull games, with other like ſtatutes and ordinances: ffor which foundaciõn endowment and ordinances hee obtained both the licence of that kinge and the Biſhop of Worceſters confirmaciõn.

Of this hamblet ſee more in Slimbridge fol: 325, and after. |

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Canon bury. 145

Canon bury: als the manor of Canonbury: A compounded lordſhip or manor made of divers peices at ſeverall times put togeather, as after followeth: Heretofore it was by ſuch additions as it received a faire manor of remarkeable value, but nowe

ſoe

foe pared by perticuler purchafes made of feverall parcells therof, That not the 40th part therof remaineth to George lord Berkeley, who hath the Leet or lawe day of all the old refiants, and manor or Court baron, which yealdeth him yearly—5li. 9s. 2d. only, the moft wherof is in cheife rents; Which manor hee holdeth by knight fervice in Capite, And out of the fame paieth alfo for a tenth to the Crowne—2s. 6d. parcell of 47s. 5d. referved vpon the Lres patents of king Edward the fixt, as more largely followeth.

It was parcell of the poffeffions of the Abby of St. Auguftines by Briftoll, and came to the Crowne by the diffolucon of that Monaftery in 31. H. 8. The firft creation or compoundinge togeather of this manor was thus;

Robert the fonne of Hardinge, the firft lord of Berkeley, not longe after his foundinge of the faid Monaftery, which hee dedicated to God and to St. Auguftine, the Englifhmens Apoftle, neere Briftoll, in the time of kinge Stephen, did (amongft divers other manors and lands) endowe the faid Monaftery with divers lands and tenements in Arlingham, and with halfe of his fifhings there, and the tithe of the other halfe, And with the church and Advowfon of Berkeley, with the two Chaples of Hill and Stone therto belonginge, as before in the defcripcon of Arlingham and Berkeley, I have written.

Afterwards the lord Maurice his fonne and heire, havinge in the time of kinge H. 2. confirmed to the Abbot and Covent of the faid monaftery, the foundation and guifts of the faid lord Robert his father, gave more to them (amongft other lands,) one hide of land at Hinton in the faid parifh of Berkeley, And one meffuage and a yard land at Alkington in the faid parifh, And alfo one other meffuage and a yard land at Oldminfter in Hinton aforefaid.

Afterwards the lord Robert his fonne and heire, havinge confirmed (amongft other things) the aforefaid grants made by his father and grandfather; Hee alfo further gave to the faid Abbot and Covent divers lands and tenements in Hame in the faid parifh of Berkley, And his great wood in Nybley in the parifh of Wotton, called Ewcombe, And alfo a meffuage and a yard land in Cowley, And alfo his watermill by Berkeley neere Lockfaft-bridge, after called Sextons mill, and alfo a meffuage and yard land neere to the faid mill: and a meffuage and yard land at Hulmancote in Cowley, And a meffuage and one yard land in Pockampton in Hinton aforefaid; And alfo gave to the Abbot and Covent of Kingfwood (which after

after came to this Abbot and covent of S^t | Auguſtine by purchaſe,) 4. yard land 146
at Arlingham and divers other fiſhings there, And alſo halſe a yard land at Ryam in Alkington aforeſaid; And divers houſes in Berkeley towne, And two yard more land in Arlingham, which this lord gave to the Chanons of Hereford, from whom this Abbot and covent of St Auguſtines after purchaſed the ſame.

Afterwards Thomas lord Berkeley brother and heire to the foreſaid lord Robert, gave to the ſaid Abbot and Covent of St Auguſtines other meſſuages and lands in Cowley Berkeley and Hineton, And diſchargeth all other their lands within the hundred of Berkeley (from whomſoever obtained or purchaſed,) from all manner of ſervices and earthly demaunds.

Afterwards, Maurice lord Berkeley ſonne of the ſaid lord Thomas, in 53. H. 3. confirmed to the ſaid Abbot and Covent, All thoſe former grants of his Anceſtors, and of all others, which any freeholders within his fee and ſeignory had made vnto them, Releaſinge therewithall all his free rents and ſervices which they owed to him for any their lands; And further gave more to them divers lands and tenements in Berkeley Bevington and Walmegaſton in the pariſh of Berkeley, And in Erlingham. And now had the Abbot a fixt part of Berkeley towne, at the end wherof the Capitall Meſſuage of Canonbury is ſeated, as the old Exchequer booke of Knights fees ſpeaketh, whither to his Courts hee drewe all other his tenants.

Afterwards in 35. E. 1. Thomas then lord Berkeley ſonne of Maurice lord Berkeley, ſonne of the laſt mentioned Thomas lord Berkeley, and Maurice his ſonne and heire apparant, granted to the ſaid Abbot and Covent to have a viewe of franke pledge (behold the riſinge) of all their owne tenants in all his manors and lands within the hundred of Berkeley, and in all their Lo^ps in the county of Glouc̃; And to have Stockes, Cage, tumbrill, pillory, Cucking ſtooll and other Judicialls, Colliſtrigia, et trebuchets,[1] &c. All which Thomas lord Berkeley ſonne of the ſaid Maurice in 4. E. 3. recitinge the ſaid wholl deed, confirmed to the ſaid Abbot and Covent.

And afterwards the ſaid laſt mentioned Lord Thomas, ſonne of Maurice, ſonne of Thomas, ſonne of Maurice, ſonne of Thomas, brother and heire of the ſaid lord Robert, in 11. E. 3. granted to the then Abbot and Covent of this monaſtery of St Auguſtines, omnia animalia et alia, vt Cumeling et extrahura inventa et per ballivos

[1] Pillory and Cucking-ſtool or Tumbrell. [Ed.]

ballivos ſuos capta et arreſtata in ōibus d̃nicis ſuis inſra hundredum ſuum de Berkeley; And thus was this manor of Canonbury hatched and framed, with the liberties thereof, out of the devotion of 7. Lords in their ſucceſſive generations. |

147 Thus continued this manor, but much more enlarged with the appropriate Rectory of Berkeley, till by the diſſolution of the monaſtery it came to the Crowne in 31. H. 8. and was in the beginninge of E. 6. his raigne granted to Sir Thomas Seymour knight lord Seymor of Sudely Caſtle, by whoſe attainder of high treaſon ſhortly after it came to the Crowne: And ſhortly after, the ſaid kinge Edward the 10th of September in the 4th of his raigne, granted the ſame to John Dudley Earle of Warr̃, (not longe after created Duke of Northumberland) and his heires. And the 16th of the ſame September the ſaid Earle of Warr̃, conveyed the ſaid Manor to Sir Richard Sackvile knight, Chancellor of the court of Augmentations, and to Winifride his wife and to the heires of the ſaid Sir Richard; As by the Deed inrolled in the Chancery doth appeare, To hold by the 4th part of a knights fee. Which Sir Richard by his deed dated 1. October 5. et 6. Ph: & Mar̃, vpon the maryage of Thomas his eldeſt ſonne with the daughter of Sir John Baker of the privy Counſell to Queene Mary, ſetled the ſame vpon his ſaid ſonne and the heires of his body, with remainder to his owne heires: which Thomas created Lord Buckhurſt after the death of his father, And after Earle of Dorſet by kinge James, did in Hillary Terme a° 13. Eliz. by his deed dated 3. ffebr̃. and by fine then levied, ſell the ſaid manor of Canonbury to Nicholas Thorpe Eſq, Willm Laverence gent̃, Willm Beconſawe, Thomas Cole, Thomas Pleydell, Richard Tilladam, and Nicholas Webbe, and their heires, who alſo therby agreed amongſt themſelves how much and what parts of the ſaid Manor each of them ſhould have in ſeveralty, And the vſe of the ſaid ffine, for ſuch parts as each of them was to have, declared by Indentures to bee to them and their ſeverall heires in perticulers by deed 3° ffebr̃. p̃d̃. And by another deed ſeptempartite the 16th of the ſaid ffebr̃ the foreſaid ſeaven purchaſors agreed how much of the tenth or rent of—47s 5d reſerved to the Crowne vpon the ſaid Lr̃es patents, ſhould bee paid by each of them and their heires, at Mich̃as only, vz. Nicholas Thorpe to pay therof—4s Willm Laverence–16s Richard Beconſawe–12s 5d Thomas Pleydell–12d Richard Tilladam—4s Nicholas Webb—6s 6d and Thomas Cole—4s to bee paid at the houſe of the ſaid Willm Laverence in Berkeley called Canbury; who was alwaies after to ſee the ſame paid to the Crowne at his perill and charges. Towards which they all further agreed, That Nicholas Thorpe ſhould pay—6d Richard Beconſawe —6d Richard Tilladam—6d Nicholas Webb—6d And Thomas Cole—6d With a diſtres

a diſtres by Wiłłm Laverence and his heires if not paid: And with a Covenant from Wiłłm Laverence to pay the ſaid tenth, and to ſave each of them harmles therfrom: And the ſaid Richard Beconſawe, afterwards, by his deed dated ſold his parts, vz. Sextons mills to Wiłłm Machin father of John, father of Thomas ſtill owner therof; And a meſſuage and 40. acres therto belonginge neere therunto to Giles Harvey, whoſe ſonne ſold the ſame to Lawrance Bridger clerke, father by his third wife to Joſeph Bridger, that nowe holdeth the ſame. And to the lord Henry Berkeley ſold the Leet and Court baron with certaine cheiſe rents &c. as before. And in the ioynt deed made to them three | by Richard Beconſawe 148
agreed, That Wiłłm Machin ſhould of his 12ˢ 5ᵈ pay–vjˢ Giles Harvey–4ˢ 1ᵈ and the lord Berkeley—2ˢ 4ᵈ Accordinge Beconſawe levied a fine to them three And they three releaſed mutually each to other.

Howbeit, accordinge to the ſhuflings of thoſe times, the 23ᵗʰ of Auguſt aº 4. E. 6. aforeſaid, An exchange of this manor (inter alia) was made betweene the ſaid Earle and the kinge, wherby the kinge had this manor from the ſaid Earle; And the Earle and Jone his wife had againe this manor to them and the heires of the ſaid Earle, To hold as is aforeſaid: Whervpon, for inequality or other miſtake in this exchange, A title by the proſecucõn of one Tipper (a great factor in concealments) was pretended by Queene Elizabeth, and thervpon for quietinge therof in conſideracõn of—188ˡⁱ 9ˢ 8ᵈ A new łres patents obtained from her vnder the great ſeale dated 21º ffebr̃. aº 45º regni ſui, to George Thorpe ſonne of the ſaid Nicholas, John Denys Eſq̧ named by the lord Henry Berkeley, Thomas Cole aforeſaid, Richard Webbe ſonne of the ſaid Nicholas, John Machin, Lawrance Wilſhire, and Robert Webb, and their heires, Rendringe per anñ–47ˢ 5ᵈ beinge the aforementioned tenth: Who ſhortly after accordinge to the truſt in them repoſed granted to each freeholder and leſſee the like eſtates which they formerly had, raiſinge the ſaid money by an equall proportion vpon the ſaid land and eſtates, wherwith I was well acquainted.

More is to bee read in theis Records;

Originalls. 4. E. 6. ps. 5ᵗᵃ Rot. 46. Glouc̃. in Scᵃc̃io. Rex alienavit Manerium de Canonbury Ric̃o Sackvile et Winefride vxori eius et hered̃ ip̃us Ric̃i.
Triñ Records, 13. Eliz. in Scᵃc̃io c̃m Rem̃ Theſaur̃. Rot 44. et 47. are large pleadings for this manor of Canonbury, wherin many of the former alienac̃ons doe appeare.

And

And for the ffreeholders holdinge of this manor, I have rather chofen to mention them in the defcription of the townfhips wherin the lands they hold doe lye. As in Alkington. fol: 41. 43. And in Cowley. fol: 160. 161. |

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Clinger.

Clinger: Anciently written Cleihunger: Is an hamblet within the Chaplery of Stinchcombe and parifh of Came; whereof read more before in Beoly fol: 75, And in Stinchcombe. fol: 343. et 345.

By Inq: 1. E. 1. it is found, That halfe a yard land which Willm Mauduit (who was hanged for felony) held in Cheihunger, had byn a yeare and a day in the kings hands, And was held of the Abbot of St Peter of Glouč. |

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Combe.

Combe als Wottons Combe, als Combe iuxta Wotton; Is an hamblet or village within the parifh of Wotton, And one of thofe five wherof the manor of Wotton fforren is compounded, wherof read more at large in Wotton als Wotton vnder edge.

This hamblet by a kinde of excellency hath its name from the fcituation therof in a bottome betweene two remarkeable Combes or hills almoft inclofing it: ffor though the words Combe and Compe in the Saxon tongue fignify a feild or Campe for an Army to abide or foiourne in, as fomwhat declyned from the latine Campus, yet this Combe wherof I heere write is not from thence but from the Hills declininge as abovefaid.

Freeholds within the hamblet of Combe.

Birds land, late Bridges.

Heere is one moft ancient and remarkeable freehold which doubtles foe was before the time of William the Conqueror, as by a Deed remaininge in the poffeffion of that ancient gent̃ Anthony Kingfcote of Kingefcote, which I have read, appeares; of later time (not nowe) reputed a manor; The moft part wherof is nowe the inheritance of Giles Bird gent̃, which hee the laft yeare, a^o 1638. purchafed

chafed of John Bridges fonne of Richard, and of Henry fonne and heire of John; wherof the lord Robert fonne of Hardinge (often before mentioned) in the beginninge of the raigne of kinge Henry the fecond enfeoffed Elias his brother and his heires, by the name of vnam hidam terræ de Combe, illam quam ego emi de Mahihele filio Anfgeri de Combe, vz, one hide of land which I purchafed of Mahihell the fonne of Anfger of Combe; To hold of the faid Robert and his heires by the fifth part of one knights fee: To which deed remaininge in the caftle of Berkeley theis are witneffes, vz, The lady Eva wife of the faid lord Robert, and Maurice, Nicholas, and Robert his three fonnes, Otho filius Witti, Nigellus filius Arthuri, Rogerus et Hardingus de Stintefcombe, Wittus filius Bernardi, Ricus filius Hardingi de Covely, Radus de Draycote, &c.

ffrom which Elias the feoffee the faid land difcended to Wittm his fonne, who had iffue Wittm, whofe wardfhip was in the 17th yeare of kinge H. 3. controverted betweene Thomas then lord Berkeley, fonne of Maurice, fonne of the faid Robert, And the Abbot of Kingfwood; which William fonne of William, called Wittus Camerarius, or Wittm the Chamberlaine, afterwards granted the fame to another William fonne of another Elias, Refervinge a rent to the cheife Lord of—13s 4d yearly, which is paid to this day. 1639.

By a Deed without date, Wittus Camerarius dedit Abbati de Kingefwood &c. affenfu et voluntate et petitione Witti filij Eliæ liberi hominis fui, annuū redditū vnius marci argenti, et omnia fervicia eiufdem Witti filij Eliæ et heredum fuorum, quæ fibi vel heredibus eius facere debebant, de feodo quod de fe tenuerunt in villa de Coombe, et totam dominationem fuā et totum ius fuū, quod in ipo Witto et hered fuis et feudo fuo habuit. | whervpon the faid Wittus fit Eliæ did his homage to the 152
faid Abbot, faith this Deed, wherto 21 are witneffes: which feemes to have occafioned the former fuite: But howe the faid 13s 4d came backe to bee paid (as this day it is and longe hath byn,) to the heire of the lord Robert the firft feoffer, I knowe not yet. A deed in the box of Kingfwood fent mee by Mr Hale from London.

In the beginninge of the raigne of kinge Edward the third it was the land of Walter de Combe, and towards the middle of that kings time it fell vpon Jone de Combe daughter and heire (as I conceive) of the faid Walter, who was maried to Berley, who in 2. R. 2. fold the fame to Lawrance Jewet, who in 12. H. 4. granted the fame to Robert Longe and Margaret his wife, daughter of him the faid Lawrance

Lawrance Jewet, and to the heires of their two bodies, who had iſſue Henry Longe who dyed in 6. H. 7. without iſſue, And Thomas Longe ſonne of John Longe brother of the ſaid Henry was his heire: which Thomas Longe, then knight, died in 24. H. 7. leavinge Sir Henry Longe of Draycote in Wiltſhire, who in 17. H. 8. ſold the ſame to ffrancis Butler Eſq̃; which ffrancis in 32. H. 8. ſold the ſame to Thomas Davis of Michelhampton, who died in 37. H. 8. levinge iſſue Giles Davis who died in and ffrancis Davis, who died in 5. et 6. Ph: et Mar̃. And two daughters, Elizabeth maried to John Poole, and Mary maried to Willm Weltden: The ſaid Giles and ffrancis died without iſſue, And the ſaid Willm Weltden and Mary his wife, in the third yeare of Queene Elizabeth ſold their moity to John Bridges and his heires; And the ſaid William Poole and Elizabeth his wife had iſſue John Poole, which John in 7. Eliz. ſold his other moity to the ſaid John Bridges and his heires, who died in the yeare of the ſaid Queene, leavinge iſſue Richard Bridges, who died in 18. Jacobi, havinge ſetled the ſame vpon the ſaid John his ſonne for life, and the inheritance in tayle vpon the ſaid Henry ſonne and heire apparant of the ſaid John: Who aliened to Giles Bird, as is firſt above mentioned. Michaell Bridges brother of the ſaid Henry holdeth in fee by his grant, A Cotage and garden ground, parcell of this hide, lately burned to the ground, nowe newly built againe. Alſo divers other parcells therof by way of Exchanges are holden by

Dangervills meſſuage and lands.

Maurice Lord Berkeley the third of that name by his deed in E. 2. (which the lord Thomas his ſonne and heire after in 3. E. 3. confirmed,) granted divers lands and tenements in Bradley and Combe, with the revertion of thoſe other lands and tenem^ts which Alienor de Bradley holds for her life within the manor of Wotton, to Maurice Berkeley his ſecond ſonne and the heires males of his body, as before
153 is written in the deſcription of Bradley: | which meſſuage and yard land in Combe is now the inheritance of Robert Webb of Sinwell by purchaſe from John Bridges and Henry his ſonne aforeſaid; whoſe father Richard Bridges purchaſed the ſame of Thomas Graile of Huntingford, and hee of the lady Eliz: Berkeley of Bradley and Richard Berkeley of Stoke Eſq̃; and is called Dangerfeilds, holden of the manor of Wotton fforren by a Red roſe payable on Midſomer day: And is (as tradition tells) to bee on that morninge ſet vpon a poſt at a gate there: But the Deed is with ſalvo regali ſervicio, which is knight ſervice, et ſectam ad Curiā Hundredi de Berkeley de tribus in tres ſeptimañ.

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Co : roll of Wotton fforren 19. Eliz. Edward Berkeley Efq̧ died feifed of a meffuage and a yard land in Combe, holden per vnā rofā rubeam, folvend̄ ante exortū folis die natalis fc̄i Joħis baptiftæ, Et pro defc̄tu folucōis tunc diftringere pro—ij^d.

More of this hamblet of Combe is to bee read in theis Records ; vz,

Term̄ Micħis. 4. H. 3. Rot. 26. in banco. Nicħus de la mare et Grecia vxor eius demaund againft Robert Cotele two carucates of land in Combe, in a longe plea in dower ; which Grecia was the widowe of Cotele, now remaryed to de la mare.

Płita in banco. Term̄ Micħis. 17. H. 3. Rot. 1.

ffinis in banco, Term̄ Micħis. 8. H. 5. Inter Joħem Priorem de Bath, de 16. mefs̄ et ał terr̄ in Combe et Wotton vnderedge.

Inq : 6. H. 7. p^t mortē Henrici Longe.

Carta irrotulat̄ in banco, Term̄ Micħis. 33. H. 8. Rot. 2.

Inq : 38. H. 8. p̄t mortē Thome Davis.

Inq : 4. et 5. Ph : & Mar̄. p̄t mortē ffr̄ Davis. ps. 1.

Originał c̄m rem̄ Thefaur̄ in fcc̄io. 4. et 5. Ph : & Mar̄. ps. 1. Rot. 28.

ffinis in banco term̄ pafch : 3. Eliz. Inter Joħem Bridges et Wiłłm Weltden et ał.

Rot. finiū Term̄ Triñ 4. Eliz. Rot. 4. Glouc̄ ; in fcc̄io c̄m Rem̄ Thefaur̄.

Inq : 19 Jac : p^t mortē Ric̄i Bridges.

Rot. patent̄. 34. E. 1. in dorfo, Wiłłus filius Wiłłi de Combe arrainavit affifā verfus Walterū de Combe et ał de vno mefs̄ vno molend̄ 26. acr̄ terre et prati in Hillefly, Alderly, Wotton, et Berkeley.

See alfo in Simondfall. fol : 323.

Inq : 15. Regis Caroli, p̄t mortē Egidij Bird.

Of Trayned foldiers vnder Thomas Veel Efq̧ their Captaine this hamblet of Combe with Symondfall, furnifheth | Souldiers.

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Cowley. 155

Cowley : In Domefdei booke Couelege. A parifh and Manor wherof George Lord Berkeley is Lord, part of his Barony of Berkeley, and holden by knight fervice in Capite : The Demefnes whereof confifted of fower hides of land as Domefdei booke fheweth.

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In this parifh are theis hamblets, wherby the habitacons of the inhabitants are more readily diftinguifhed, vz, Churchend, Pinelfend, Hulmancote, and

This manor was (amongft others) given by kinge Henry the fecond in the firft yeare of his raigne to Robert the fonne of Hardinge and his heires, vnder the words Berkelai et totam Berkelei herneffe manerium cum omnibus appendicijs fuis; which Robert by that grant was alfo created a Baron and peere of the Realme, and had iffue Maurice, who had iffue Robert and Thomas; Robert dyed without iffue, and Thomas had iffue Maurice, father of Thomas, father of Maurice, father of Thomas, father of Maurice, father of Thomas and of James; which Thomas dyed without iffue male of his body; And the faid James had iffue James, to whom this manor with the refidue of the Barony (formerly entayled vpon the heires males) difcended after the death of the lord Thomas his vncle; which James the nephewe had iffue William created Marques Berkeley, Maurice and others; William entayled this manor (amongft others) vpon kinge Henry the feaventh and the heires males of his body, and after dyed without iffue; And the faid Maurice had iffue Maurice, and Thomas; Maurice dyed without iffue, And the faid Thomas his brother had iffue Thomas, father of Henry, who in the firft of Queene Mary, entred vpon this manor, the iffue male of Henry the 7th beinge fpent in the death of kinge Edward the fixt; and the faid Lord Henry had iffue Thomas, who dyed in the life of his father, leavinge iffue the faid George Lord Berkeley who is owner of this manor, a° 1639. as abovefaid. ffor more pticularity of which difcent, times of each lords death, &c. fee before in fol: 7. et 78, and other places in this booke.

To this parifh of Cowley adioyneth the parifh of ffroucefter, an ancient parcell of the poffeffions of the Abbot of St Peters in Glouc, whofe corne there growing was by ancient cuftome vfed to bee cut mowed and reaped by the lords tenants of this manor of Cowley, and of his other manor of Came, next alfo adioyninge; ffor which fervice the faid Abbot by like cuftome was at his priory of Stanley (a Cell to this monaftery and neere adioyninge,) to feaft the baylies and tenants of the faid manors of Cowley and Came in Harveft time: The faid Abbot complaines to Thomas lord Berkeley the fecond of that name then lord of thofe manors, That to his great wronge and greife many came to that feaft fayninge themfelves tenants to that lord, fervants and Bailies of thofe his manors, when they were not: wherpon in 32. E. 1. it was agreed, That in lieu of the faid feaft, every Reeve and bayly of the faid manors fhould thenceforth have—4d, And every reaper—3d, and every gather and binder—2d, And every raker of the faid corne—1d ob, in lieu of

of their feaſt, which order held till the | diſſoluc͠on of that Monaſtery in the time of 156
kinge H. 8. or neere therto.

In 6. E. 2. was an agreement by deed indented betweene the foreſaid Thomas lord Berkeley and the ſaid Abbot of St Peters, for intercom̃inge betweene their tenants of Cowley and ffrouceſter, and for incloſinge part of the feilds of thoſe manors; which holds to this day.

The kinge is patron of the Vicarage and preſenteth: The Rectory and appropriac͠on is the inheritance of John Browninge, by a purchaſe therof made by John his father in November, 7° Jacobi, from Morris and Phillips, who had the ſame (inter alia) from the ſaid kinge by his L͠res patents dated the 7th of September before, in ffee farme, at 15^li yearly rent; which rent alſo in the 18th yeare of the ſaid kinge, hee granted away by like ſres patents to Whittacre and Price and their heires, who ſhortly after ſold the ſame to the ſaid John Browninge the father; which rectory or appropriac͠on was after the diſſoluc͠on of the monaſtery of St Peters in Glouc͠ (to which it anciently belonged,) granted to Sir Anthony Kingſton and his heires, And from him it came againe to the Crowne; It is holden nowe of the kinge as of the manor of Eaſt Greenwich in free and comon ſoccage by fealty only. Church.

The which Church was dedicated to St Bartholomew the tutelary ſaint therof, On whoſe feaſt day yet continueth ſuch concourſe and reſort of people That it hath the name of Cowley ffaire day, wheron moſt kindes of country wares are brought and ſold in boothes and ſtandings purpoſely ſet vp: But by noe grant or Charter from the Crowne or otherwiſe then the intertainment of the ſaid John Browninge and his Anceſtors, and ſome other of the inhabitants, both on that day, and on the Sunday after called Cowley ffeaſt or Wake day: which even now begins, both in faire and hoſpitallity, to diminiſh and growe ſickely.

Of this pariſh it may bee ſaid, as before I have written of Came, That if it were incloſed round from all other ſociety and comerce of men, it would abundantly ſuffice for the ſuſtentac͠on and well beinge of the inhabitants, without ſupply from other places that the minde of man could neceſſarily deſire.

The durty ſtreetes wherof ſeeme recompenced in part with the hills encompaſſinge the Eaſterne part of this pariſh: The moſt eminent wherof is called Cowley pike; where to behold younge men and maids aſcendinge and diſcendinge and boies

boies tumblinge downe, eſpecially on Comunion daies in the afternoones what times the reſort is greateſt, bringeth noe ſmall delight to many of the elder ſort alſo delightinge therin.

Marle poole

Remarkeable is a marle poole in the feild of this pariſh called South worthy, by the naturall contract of the inhabitants Suckerdy: A durable remembrancer of the old huſbandry heere vſed (as in all the pariſhes adioyninge,) for betteringe of their arrable lands, wholly neglected ſince the times of kinge Henry the ſixt | 157 and kinge Edward the fourth, when not only the civill warres betweene the two houſes of Yorke and Lancaſter, but the daily inroades and incurſions of the two cozen germane families of Berkeley and Liſle, the one reſidinge at Berkeley Caſtle the other at Wotton vnderedge, which they made by night and day the one vpon the other and their poore tenants, almoſt to the deſtruction of this and other manors wherto their mutuall titles were pretended, wherof this of Cowley was one; And not yet neither in this nor any of the reſt of the pariſhes or manors within this hundred brought into vſe againe: One mayne cauſe alſo why ſoe much is nowe inclofed and converted from tillage into paſture; Of which marle and marlinge of grounds read before in Alkington. fol. 34. A poole nowe only vſefull for the infinite numbers of horſeleeches it yearly produceth; phiſitions for the wholl country to evacuate over aboundinge repletions, from hence fetched in great abundance.

Springs.

Through this Towne and pariſh runne two pleaſant ſtreames ariſing from the foote of the former hills, firſt ſhewinge themſelves not many yards aſunder; The one holdinge it's race through the hart of the Towne, cloſe to the church yard and by the threſhold of each good huſwife, keepinge therby her pultry from the pipp; The other watringe moſt of their old and newe inclofures and paſture grounds; wherin after ſuch time as it hath met with the like ſtreame from Came, or draweth neere thereto, are often found certaine ſtones reſemblinge cockles periwinkles, oyſters and the like, of much curioſity and delight to looke vpon and to conſider of; which I rather thinke to bee the gamefull ſports of nature, then with ffracaſtorius the great philoſopher of this age to have byn ſomtimes livinge creatures ingendred in the Sea, and by the waters caſt vp in this and the like places, and ſoe to bee ſhell fiſhes ſtonified.

ffifteene.

The payment of the ffifteene or kingeſilver when it is granted by parliament, is, in the Onus or charge in the Exchequer in this pariſh—5li. 14s. 6d. The deduction is—22s. The remainder paid into the Exchequer by the Collector thereof, is—4li. 2s. 6d. [ſic.]

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In the laſt Subſedy in a° 5to° Caroli were 18. ſubſedy men, who paid—9li. 4s. Subſedy.

Of able men for the warres betweene 20. and 60. yeares of age, in 6to° Regis Jacobi, which appeared at a generall muſter then taken, were—102. And now of trayned Souldiers vnder Captaine Willm Thorpe, are—22. vz, 2 corſlets and 13. muſketts. Able men. Soldiers.

And if the wholl Diviſion of Berkeley, accompted a 4th part of the county of Glouc̃, bee rated in any taxe for the kinge or com̃on wealth at—100li., then this hundred of Berkeley paies therof—33li. 3s., And this pariſh or manor of Cowley—50s., And ſoe after that rate. |

Freeholders within this pariſh and Manor of Cowley. vz. 158

Heere is one very ancient freehold more remarkeable then the reſt, heertofore reputed a manor, holden of the manor of Berkeley by the ffifth part of one knights fee, ſute to the hundred Court of Berkeley from three weekes to three weekes, and by the yearly rent of 20d.; which in the time of kinge Henry the ſecond was the land of Dn̄s Ric̃us de Cowley filius Hardingi, whoſe ſonne Simon and himſelfe are witneſſes to that Deed which the lord Robert the ſonne of Hardinge in the time of kinge Henry the ſecond made to Elias his brother, of the hide of land in Combe formerly mentioned fol: 151. And in the time of R. 1. the land of another Richard de Cowley, and ſoe alſo in the time of H. 3. of Richard de Cowley and of Mawd his wife; And in 18. E. 1. of Robert de Cowley of Cowley, father of John Cowley of Cowley, who by Ellena his wife daughter and heire of had iſſue Robert; which John died in 19. E. 1. as an Inquiſic̃on after his death ſheweth. Which Robert ſonne of John, had iſſue John who died in 7. H. 5, leavinge iſſue John who had iſſue 3. daughters, Elizabeth, Alice, and maried to Baſſet whoſe iſſue I have not obſerved; And the ſaid Alice was maryed to Walter Woodward who died without iſſue; And the ſaid Elizabeth was maried to John Davis, who had iſſue John Davis, who died in 27. H. 8. as his office or Inquiſition found after his death ſheweth; And by Jone his ſecond wife left iſſue Nicholas who after dyed without iſſue, And Auguſtine Davis who died in 3. E. 6, beinge father of Anne borne after the death of her father, who died in 2° Jacobi, havinge byn firſt maryed to Thomas Saintbarbe of Lacocke in Wiltſhire, who died in 33. Eliz: and after remaried to Thomas Baynard who died in 1° Jacobi, by whom ſhee had noe iſſue; But by her firſt huſband Thomas Saintbarbe, ſhee had iſſue Elizabeth maryed to Richard Warre; And after ſhee died in the 14th of kinge James, leavinge iſſue Roger Warre, Cowleis land of old. late Warres.

Warre, who with his ſaid father Richard Warre in the 6. and 7th yeares of kinge Charles aliened in fee ſuch of theis lands to John Browninge, Richard Yerworth, Richard Walkeley, John Hardinge, and William Pegler, and their heires, as remained till that time vnfold: Of which lands alſo Thomas ffrench of Ewley hath

Eſſington. And alſo of theis lands Thomas Eſſington of Cowley, ſonne of Thomas ſonne of John, hath a meſſuage and 34. acres in Cowley, which the ſaid John purchaſed of Thomas Davis ſecond ſonne of that John Davis who is before mentioned to dye in 27. H. 8, to whom his ſaid father gave the ſame, as his ſaid office of that yeare ſheweth. And alſo (as by a fine in the comon pleas in 25. H. 3. appeares,) the Prior and covent of Lanthony by Glouč, purchaſed of the forementioned Richard de Cowley, and of Mawd his wife, two carucates of this land in Cowley in lieu of Covent ale bread money and clothes for their lives; which againe the ſucceſſors of the pryor and Covent in 25. E. 3. ſold to Thomas then lord
159 Berkeley for the Rectory of Awre | which they had from him; Which land is nowe at this day held by Copy of Court roll accordinge to the cuſtome of the manor of Cowley by John Browninge and Richard Partridge, retaininge ſtill the name of Canons Court or Can-court.

Of which little manor ſomethinge more may bee obſerved out of theis records; vz,

Inq: 19. E. 2. pt mortē Johis de Cowley.—p ſerviciū militare.
Inq: 37. E. 3. de feodis Mauij de Berkeley in termī Michis in ligula brevium in 38. E. 3.—per ſervicium militare.
Inq: 27. H. 8. pt mortem Johis Davis.
Inq: 33. Eliz: Regine, pt mortē Thome Saint barbe in Comī Wilt.
Inq: 14. Jacobi, pt mortē Eliz. Warre in comī Wilt.
Compus Johis Hampton Eſcaetor. 19. E. 2. čm Remī Rę, in baga,—per ſervicium militare.
Hat de Cowley 33. Eliz. et 14. Jač. pt mortē Saint barbe et , —per ſerviciū mit.
Inq: 16 Caroli pt mortē Rič̄i Walkeley pđ.—per ſerviciū mit.

Hardings land, als Wariners. Heere alſo is one other ancient meſſuage with two yard land and an halfe therto belonginge, of old accompted half an hide of land, now the inheritance of John Hardinge, ſonne of Maurice who died , ſonne of John who died in 9. Eliz., ſonne of Willm Hardinge who died in 36. H. 8., havinge in purchaſed the ſame of John Wariner als Warner, ſonne of Willm who died

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ſonne of Thomas who died , ſonne of Robert Wariner who died in 23. E. 4, who was ſonne of Wariner, ſonne of John Wariner, ſonne of William Wariner, ſonne of Robert Wariner, (who in 6. E. 2. purchaſed other lands in Cowley of Thomas lord Berkeley vnder the yearly rent of—2ˢ); Which meſſuage and 2. yard land and an halfe are holden of this manor of Cowley by knight ſervice, ſute to the hundred court of Berkeley from three weekes to three weekes, heriot ſervice, And by the yearly rent of—22ˢ and a pound of comyn.

And for theis lands and for the further pedegree of this John Hardinge, See before in Came fol: 128.

See alſo the Will of Willm Hardinge, And 2. Inquiſitions after his death in 36. et 37. H. 8.

See alſo the Co: roll of Cowley in 4. H. 8. pˢ mortē Alienoræ nup vxoř Johis Madocke, et quondam vxoř Thome Warner.—good.

See alſo the Co: roll of Cowley, 2. R. 3. And, 9. Eliz: very good; per ſervicium militare, et herieť. |

Heere alſo is one other ffreehold now the inheritance of Richard Davis and of Richard Partridge, comonly called Muddenfall, containing 18. acres or therabouts, holden of this manor of Cowley by knight ſervice, ſute to the hundred court of Berkeley from 3. weekꝭ to 3. weekꝭ, and by the yearly rent of—10ˢ; which Maurice lord Berkeley the ſecond of that name, in the later end of the raigne of kinge H. 3, gave to William Atte wood and to Mabill his wife and to the heires of their bodies, To hold as aforeſaid; which after many diſcents in that name of Atte wood, and Atwood (a name agreeable to the ſcite of the land,) came to the two daughters and coheires of Thomas Atwood, vz, Julian maried to John Davis, who had iſſue betweene them George Davis who died in 7º Eliz:, father of John Davis who died 44. Eliz: father of the ſaid Richard Davis that nowe is, holding one moity in ſeveralty, and as I ſuppoſe the eſtate taile therof not diſcontinued; The other daughter and coheire of Thomas Atwood, was maried to John Selewine, who had iſſue Richard Selewine who died 16. Eliz:, father of John who died 17º Eliz: from whom it came to Richard by , who in 29º Eliz: ſold the ſame to Thomas Trotman of Dureſly who died in 4. Jač. and leaft it to Nicholas Trotman his ſecond ſonne, who in Caroli Rꝭ ſold the ſame to Richard Partridge aforeſaid

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aforefaid and his heires, who betweene them pay the faid rent of—10ˢ And doe the other fervices. And alfo the faid Thomas Trotman left to the faid Nicholas his fonne a meffuage and 11. acres of land in Cowley which hee in 3. Jacobi purchafed of Richard Bridges.—Rent—2ᵈ

Twinens land nowe Effingtons. late ffourds olim Piftors als Bakers.

Heere alfo is one meffuage with a yard land therto belonginge containinge about 40. acres, the inheritance of Roger Effington of Cowley, and others as followeth, holden of George lord Berkeley as of his manor of Canonbury, by knight fervice, fute of Court, heriot fervice, and the yearly rent of—20ˢ; Which Thomas lord Berkeley the firft of that name, in the time of kinge H. 3. gave to Hugh Piftor (his baker) and his heires, vnder the faid rent of—20ˢ for all fervices, Salvo regali fervicio quantùm ꝑtinet ad vnam virgatam terræ in villa de Cowley, as by the originall Deed which I have read appeares: The pofterity of which Hugh the Baker held the fame in lineall difcent till about 38. E. 3. when this land came into the Sirname of Atte fourde, foe called accordinge to the manner of thofe times, from the fourd or paffage over the water runninge by the faid meffuage, continuinge in that lyne and name till Richard fonne and heire of John ffourd in 21. Eliz: left it by difcent to Edithe his only daughter and heire maried to John Twinen, whofe fonne and heire Robert Twinen, by deed dated 20. Augufti. Aº 14º Rᵉ Jacobi, fold the faid meffuage and 17. acres therof to the faid Roger Effington, who paieth—11ˢ of the faid—20ˢ foe apportioned in the faid Deed of purchafe; And William Effington, brother and heire of John, fonnes of Robert Effington for
161 another part thereof | payeth—viijˢ of the faid—20ˢ And Giles Browne for another part therof payeth—xijᵈ which is the full 20ˢ. ffor this land fee the Co: roll 19. et 20. E. 3. when an oxe price—12ˢ was paid for an heriot. To which effect alfo are 2. court rolls in 23. E. 3. et 6. et 29. H. 6. and others, as fpetially the Court Roll of Canonbury 22 Eliz. when the old deeds were produced by the faid Edith. Soe a cleere tenure as abovefaid.

Wilkens land late Macies and others.

Heere alfo is one meffuage and one yard land therto belonginge lyinge in the hamblet called Hulmancote, which the faid Thomas lord Berkeley the firft of that name in the time of kinge H. 3. granted alfo to the faid Hugh Piftor als Baker and his heires, nowe the inheritance of John Browninge and others as after followeth; holden of George Lord Berkeley as of his manor of Canonbury by knight fervice, fute of Court, heriot fervice, and the yearly rent of—20ˢ wherof 10ˢ is paid for two quarters of wheat, as the originall deed which I have read fheweth. This meffuage and land had like continuance in the pofterity of the faid Hugh the Baker, till about the

the faid 38. yeare of kinge E. 3. when it came (I thinke by mariage of one of Hughes heires, as the other yard land alfo I fuppofe did,) into the Sirname of Wilkens, continuinge in that name till the end of the raigne of kinge E. 4. when Thomas Wilkens fonne and heire of John Wilkens, fonne and heire of Wiłłm Wilkens, who died in 11. H. 6. leaft it to Jone his daughter and heire, after maryed to Richard Millard, who had iffue Thomas Millard who died , leavinge iffue William Millard who in the beginninge of kinge James fold part therof to Ewd. Trotman th'elder of Came who died in 9. Rꝗ Caroli, which, Edward Trotman of the Inner temple his fonne and heire, not longe after fold to William Effington of Cowley that nowe is, who payeth of the faid rent of 20ˢ the fonīe of—5ˢ 4ᵈ And another part was by the faid William Millard fold to John Browninge th'elder of Cowley who died in 4. Rꝗ Caroli, and John is his fonne and heire that nowe holdeth the fame, and paieth—20ᵈ of the faid rent of, 20ˢ An other part is the inheritance of Thomas Came of Cowley, who payeth—2ˢ pcell of the faid rent of—20ˢ An other part is the inheritance of Richard Andrewes, which hee lately purchafed of Richard fonne and heire of James Elland of ffrocefter, and hee of William Millard aforefaid, who payeth—12ᵈ parcell of the faid rent of—20ˢ Another part is nowe the inheritance of John Browninge, fonne of the faid John Browninge th'elder aforefaid, which hee purchafed of Vrfula wife of Wiłłm Tyndall, Anne wife of John Waftfeild, and of Debora wife of Reftall, the three fifters and Coheires of John Macy, fonne and heire of James Macy who purchafed the fame of the faid William Millard, and payeth 10ˢ rent, the refidue of the faid—20ˢ And Edward ffrape hath of this land, but payeth noe part of the cheife rent.

ffor this land fee the Co: rolls in 11. et 14. H. 6. and 18. et 24. et 26. H. 6. And 41. et 38. E. 3. And 23. E. 4. And a Rentall 14. E. 4, which are moft full and pregnant, with others, and make a cleere tenure, as abovefaid. See alfo the Inq: 4. Rꝗ Caroli found after the death of the abovenamed John Browninge. |

Heere alfo is a meffuage and a yard land containinge about 30. acres of land therto belonginge, wherof William Docket fonne of Richard fonne of John, died feized in fee fimple in the third yeare of kinge James, whofe fifters and heires to whom the faid land then difcended were, Alice maried to Robert Coxe, Elizabeth maried to Richard Carfwell, Jone maried to John Warner, Margery maried to Henry Bowen, Edith maried to Henry Bicke, Katherine maried to Richard Millard, Agnes maried to John Culverhoufe, and Margaret maried to John ffreame, who dyinge before her brother William Docket, left two daughters, Katherine ffreame

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ffreame and Vrſula ffreame, then maried to Thomas Bicke; And vpon partition betweene them by Deed indented of nyne parts, dated 22. Maij. A°. 7. Regis Jacobi (drawne by my ſelfe,) Theis lands in Cowley were allotted to the ſaid Robert Coxe and Alice his wife, and to John Warner and Jone his wife, and to Henry Bowen and Margery his wife, and to Henry Bicke and Edith his wife; And other lands in Teinton in the fforreſt of Deane were allotted to the other co-heires and their huſbands by the ſame Deed indented, in lieu of theis; Since which time the ſaid Alice by the ſaid Robert Cox her huſband had iſſue Roſe, maried to a ſonne of the ſaid Robert Cox by a former wife, who hath had her part: Jone wife of John Warner ſtill keepeth her part; Margery wife of Henry Bowen is dead without iſſue, And her part is diſcended in Coparcinery; And Henry Bicke and Edith his wife have ſold her part to fflower of Stonehouſe. A°. 1636.

This land was parcell of the poſſeſſions of the Monaſtery of St Peter in Glouc̃, and cominge to kinge Henry the 8th by the diſſolution therof in the 31th of his raigne, was by him granted in the of his raigne to Sir Anthony Kingſton knight and his heires, who in 3. E. 6. granted the ſame to John Sanford and his heires, who in the firſt of Qu: Mary granted the ſame to the ſaid Richard Docket abovementioned and his heires; By whoſe death in 28. Eliz: the ſame diſcended to the ſaid Willm his ſonne, And from him to his ſaid ſiſters, and heires, who made ꝑticõn as abovefaid; And is holden of the Crowne by knight ſervice in Capite, by the 100th part of a knights fee: See Paſch: fines 29. Eliz: Rot. 8. in Scc̃io.

Effingtons land and others late Redings.

Heere alſo in this pariſh of Cowley, and in Came, are a meſſuage, a mill, and divers lands therto belonginge, ſomtime parcell of the poſſeſſions of the monaſtery of St Peter in Glouc̃, holden of the kinge by knight ſervice in Capite, late the inheritance of Roger Redinge of Halmer in Came, from whom, by his death in 31. Eliz. they diſcended to his three daughters and coheires, vizt, Elizabeth maried to John Effington, Margery maried to Thomas Effington, who have left iſſue Thomas Effington, And Katherine maried to George Pegler; Which Margery was ſomtimes the wife of Anthony Watkins; And nowe a°. 1639. the inheritance of Thomas Effington called of Halmers mill, which hee had from John Effington
163 his kinſman; Which Roger Redinge about 1. Mariæ reginæ new built the | fullinge mill, and griſt mill. Of which lands ſee more in Triñ Rec̃ 31. Eliz: Rot. 69. in ſcc̃io c̃m Reñ Theſauř. And in Memorand̃ ſc̃ij in Termino Paſch: 27. Eliz: Regine. And̃ with the Auditor eiſdē terñ et a°. And in 4. libř ſceduł ſol: 319. in Cuř wardoꝝ. And was by kinge H. 8. the 11th day of June in the 37th of his raigne granted in fee

to

to Willm Romefden and Edward Hoppy, And which they the daye after by their deed dated 12. Junij. 37. H. 8. ꝑd granted to John Effington in fee, by the name of a watermill in Cowley in the parifh of ffrocefter: Inrolled coram Willo Berners; Auditoꝝ Dñi Regis cuꝝ Augm̃. 37. H. 8.

Hulmancote. Millards land.

Also in this parifh of Cowley is an ancient meffuage with divers lands therto belonginge, called Hulmancote, (quafi Hill-mans-cote,) agreeable to the fcituacõn, now the inheritance of Richard Millard fonne and heire of John Millard who purchafed the fame of the patentees of Qu: Eliz: a° 33° r̃ni fui, and after died in 5. Jac̃: And was anciently belonginge to the Chantry of St Katherine in Cambridge in the parifh of Slimbridge; Out of which meffuage and lands is paid to George lord Berkeley the yearly rent of—8^s And—2^s more, for liberty to inclofe a moore containinge 4. acres, neere to the land of the faid Chantry of Cambridge.

Partridge lands: late Woodwards olim Hurds.

Also in this parifh of Cowley are divers lands and tenements containing about 16. acres, now the inheritance of Richard Partridge, who in a° 2° Rꝗ Caroli, purchafed the fame of Nicholas Trotman, a yonger fonne of Thomas Trotman, to whom the faid Thomas at his death in Jacobi left the fame in fee, who did in 43. Eliz. purchafe the fame of Richard Bridges and Richard Rawlyns als Compton; which Richard Bridges was brother and heire of Alice the wife of Edward Cottington; And the faid Richard Rawlyns als Compton was fonne and heire of Margery wife of Thomas Cooke, and before the wife of Thomas Rawlyns als Compton, daughter and heire of John Woolworth als Webbe, brother and heire of Chriftopher Woolworth als Webbe, and were purchafed by Woolworth als Webbe of Robert Hurd and Alice his wife, fifter and heire of Thomas Woodward fonne of John.

By an Inquificõn in 24. Eliz. Edward Woolworth als Webbe is found to dye feifed (inter alia) of a meffuage and 16. acres of land in Cowley, holden of William Clavild as of his manor of Ewley in Soccage, limitted in taile to Chriftopher and Willm Woolworth als Webbe, the Remainder to his owne right heires; And that Margery the wife of Thomas Rawlyns als Compton, is his grandchilde and heire, vz, daughter of John Woolworth fonne of the faid Edward. This land re verà, is holden of George lord Berkeley as of his manor of Cowley, by 2^d cheife rent, whither the faid Richard Partridge doth his fervice, And out of the fame, as a rent fecke, payeth—10^s p anñ to Thomas Pointz in right of Eliz: his wife the widowe of the faid William Clavild: whereof read more in my defcription of Benecombe. fol: 73. |

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164 Bramwich land, late Codringtons. olim Teste.

In this parish also is a Cottage and an orchard, and 24. acres of land meadowe and pasture in the tenure of Roger Essington for many yeares to come, the inheritance of Isaack Bromwich Esq, holden of George lord Berkeley as of his hundred or manor of Berkeley by suite to the said hundred Court from three weekes to 3. weeke, And by the yearly rent of—27s.

This was somtime the land of John Clifford, father of Alice maried to William Teste, who lived in the time of kinge Henry the sixth, father of Lawrence Teste who died in 23. H. 7. father of John Teste who died the same yeare without issue, And of Giles Teste clerke, who died in 34. H. 8. without issue also; And of Grace, Margaret, and Mary Teste, which Grace and Margaret had noe part of this land, But it wholly came to the said Mary, who was maryed to ffrancis Codrington Esq, who died in 4. Mar; And they had issue Giles Codrington who died in 23. Eliz., levinge issue ffrancis Codrington who died in 24. Eliz., leavinge issue Margaret his sole daughter and heire maryed to Edward Bromwich of fframpton vpon Severne Esq, who had issue the said Isaack that nowe is, 1639. See in Slimbridge. fol: 329. 330.

See more heerof in theis records, vz,
Inq: in 34. H. 8. pt mortē Egidij Teste.
Inq: 2. H. 8. pt mortē Laurencij Teste.
Inq: 4. & 5. Ph: & Mar. pt mortē ffranc Codrington.
Inq: 23. Eliz. pt mortē Egidij Codrington.
Inq: 24. Eliz. pt mortē ffrancisci Codrington.
Rot. pardon. 11. E. 4. p Lawrenc Teste.

Corietts land of old; nowe Lord Berkeleys.

By an Inq: 19. E. 2. Willm Coriet is found to dye seized of a messuage and 41. acres of land in Cowley, holden of the Castle of Berkeley in Capite, by homage, and by the yearly rent of—7s viijd. And to Henry de Came—12s 4d, And that Walter was his sonne and heire 30. yeares old: which 12s 4d is at this day paid by Roger Essington out of a copihold hee holdeth of the lord Berkeley in this manor; which shewes either that this land escheated, or that it was purchased by the Lord of the manor with that charge on it.

ffor other lands in this parish of Cowley which were heertofore pcell of the manor of Dreycote, nowe in the tenure of John Browninge, William Sage, and others; See after in Dreycote fol: 173. |

Cromhall.

Cromhall.

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Cromhall: als Cromhale; In Domesdei booke in the Exchequer written Cromale. A Manor and parish longe since parted into two; The one called Cromhall Abbots from the longe possession of the Abbot of St Augustines by Bristoll, To whom the lord Robert sonne of Hardinge vpon the first foundinge therof (amongst many other manors and lands,) gave the same, As before is written fol: 47. 64. 65. which I will not againe repeate: And to this day is part of the possessions of the Bishopricke of Bristoll, of new erected by kinge H. 8. in the 34th of his raigne, out of the ruines of part of that monastery, and endowed with part of the possessions, wherof this Cromhall was part, and is now leased by the Bishop for life at 17li. rent p anñ; which in the 31th yeare of that kinge vpon the Act of parliament that dissolved that and other monasteries, was given to the Crowne: And this part of the parish of Cromhall (called also Abbots side,) in all payments wherwith the wholl parish is charged, payeth an intire third parte, and consisteth of 12 inhabitants, payers and office bearers; And hath a Leete for it selfe and a Tithingman aswell as Cromhall Ligon; And is holden of the kinge by [the rent of £33 . 6 . 8 p anñ for all the lands and manors granted] as in the tres patents of 34. H. 8. [pt. 10. m. 4] is contained.

The other part of this parish is called Cromhall Ligon, because the family of the Ligons were longe owners therof, as after followeth; And is nowe the inheritance of Sir Richard Ducy Baronet, sonne and heire of Sir Robert Ducy late Alderman of London who died in 10. Caroli Rℓ, havinge in a°. before purchased the same of Sir Horatio Vere, Lord of Tylbury, and the Lady his wife, who in a°. Jac̃. Rℓ, purchased the same of Sir Willm Throgmerton Baronet, sonne of Sir Thomas Throgmerton who died in 6.Jac̃ Regis, havinge in the 38th yeare of Queene Elizabeth purchased the same of William Ligon, as after followeth.

This parish is part of the Herneſſe, nookes or corners of Berkeley, not adioyninge on any side or part to any other part of the manor or hundred of Berkeley; And wherin William the Conqueror had two hides of land in demesne, as the booke of Domesdei in the Exchequer sheweth.

It was (amongst many others) given by kinge Henry the second to Robert the sonne of Harding̃ and his heires, To hold of the kinge by five knights fees, I meane, all the manors and lands that passed to him by that grant; But when or what yeare or to whom the said Robert the sonne of Harding̃, who dyed in 17. H. 2. as

as the great pipe Roll in the Exchequer ſheweth, did grant away the ſame I have not obſerved: But I finde that toward the end of that kings raigne and in the times of kinge Richard the firſt and of kinge John, This part (which in all rates beareth two parts of three,) wherof I nowe write, (and to which the advowſon of the church is appendant,) was the land of Bernard de Cromhall, and of Willm the ſonne of Bernard, And after of Phillip and Walter de Cromhale, and after of Peter de Cromhale, (perhaps ſome of them brothers;) And in the time of kinge H. 3. of Richard de Cromhale and of Dioniſia his wife, which Richard was ſlaine in Scotland about 39. H. 3. leavinge iſſue three daughters and co-heires, vz, Dioniſia maried to John de Wawton, Margaret maried to Nicholas de Limeſi, And fflorence, who I
166 ſuppoſe, was either not maried or died without iſſue. All which appeareth | by the pipe Rolls a° 14. Johis and 43. H. 3. in the Exchequer: And by Rot. Clauſ. 39. H. 3. pars. 1. membr. 4. in the tower of London.

ffrom which John de Wawton and Dioniſia his wife iſſued Willm de Wawton, to whom kinge E. 2. in the 4th yeare of his raigne granted licence, quod ipſe Cameram ſuam infra manſum ſuum de Cromhale in Com̃ Glouc̃. Kernellare poſſit, et ſic Kernellatam tenere ſibi et heredibus ſuis: which is now the inheritance of Thomas Hicks, and ſoe ſtill in part as yet it remaineth, though his late buildings and his fathers, ſince their purchaſe therof of Sir Willm Throgmorton, have ſomwhat altered part therof: where, by the way, I will note, from the words Kernellare manſum ſuum, that the word [Kernellare] ſeemes to bee made latine out of the old french word, Charneaux, which ſignifieth that indented part or forme of the top of a wall, which hath vent and creſt, comonly called Embattelinge.

The foreſaid Sir William de Wawton died in 15. E. 2. ſeiſed of this manor, now at this day called Cromhall Ligon, leavinge iſſue Sir William de Wawton who died without iſſue, and Thomas de Wawton his brother and heire who by his Deed in 26. E. 3. inrolled in the Chancery releaſed all his intereſt and eſtate in this manor and advowſon to Elias Daubeny and Agnes his wife and their heires; and therby the wholl united; Which Elias was the ſonne of John de Albiniaco als Daubeny and of Cicely his wife, And had iſſue Richard who died without iſſue in 38. E. 3. And Elizabeth maryed to Sir Gilbert Gifford who died in 48. E. 3. After which Sir Gilbert and Elizabeth this manor came to Sir John Gifford his cozen and heire who died in 10. R. 2. without iſſue, and William Gifford was his brother and heire; ffor which later proofes See the patent Rolls. 33. E. 3. ps. 3. mem: 3. And patent 38. E. 3. And Cloſe rolls. 48. E. 3. m. 19. And Cloſe roll. 8. R. 2. m: 5. title Southton. And Inq: 47. E. 3. pro Kinſholme in com̃ Glouc̃.

Which

Which William Gifford, brother and heire of Sir John, is hee who in 23. H. 6, then lord of this manor, enfeoffed John Dorney and others of the Church houfe and other lands in Cromhale, to the vfe of the church, Rendringe to him and his heires —15d p anñ, paid at this day; And after died in 30. H. 6. levinge iffue Nicholas Gifford, who by Margery his wife had iffue Anne maried to Thomas Ligon, To whom and to the heires of their two bodies the remainder to the right heires of Anne, the faid Nicholas by his Deed 15. November A°. 6. E. 4. conveyed this manor; fhewed to mee by Sir Wiłłm Throgmiton in his Clofet at Tortworth the 17th day of March. 1607. the better to rectify this difcent and pedegree.

But by what difcent or meanes John Gifford who lived in 8. H. 4. And Sir John Gifford knight, who died in 25. H. 6. without iffue, who were in feverall deeds which I have read ftiled Lords of the manors of Cromhale and Legamton and feifed therof, I have not found.

The faid Thomas Ligon died in 22. H. 7. leavinge iffue by the faid Anne Gifford his wife, Richard Ligon who died in 4. H. 8, leavinge iffue Richard Ligon who died in 4to Mar., levinge iffue Wiłłm Ligon who died in 10. Eliz., leavinge iffue Richard Ligon | who died in 27. Eliz, leavinge iffue William Ligon who in 38. Eliz. 167
aliened this manor and advowfon to Sir Thomas Throgmerton and his heires as aforefaid; By whofe death in 6to Jac. the fame came to his only fonne Sir William, who havinge made many leafes for lives of moft part of the manor, fhortly after granted the revertion to the fame men for 21. yeares, to begin vpon the expiration of their former eftates for lives; And fhortly after that in A°. 14 Jacobi, granted divers other parts therof to feverall men in ffee fimple, refervinge the old rent or more; wherby this ancient manor which by the feifin of fix remarkeable gentlemen of the Sirname of Ligon is called Cromhall Ligon, is nowe A°. 1639. the feverall inheritances of 23. men, vz. of Sir Richard Ducy aforefaid, who hath a manor yet kept on foote with the faid rents foe referved, Robert Webb fonne and heire of Robert Webbe, Nicholas Webbe fonne and heire of Nicholas, Thomas Hickes fonne and heire of Arthur Hickes, Morgan Hickes, brother of the faid Thomas, Arthur Hickes another brother of the faid Thomas, John Hoale Clerke, John Atwell, Thomas fonne of Thomas Dimery, Richard Arnold, Robert fonne and heire of [Thomas?] Arnold, William Nelme in right of Agnes his wife daughter of John Mafon, Robert Griffith fonne and heire of Thomas Griffith, Thomas Griffith brother of the faid Robert, Sarah Blanch one of the daughters and coheires of Jeremy Blanch, and John Knight in right of his wife the other daughter and co-
heire

heire of the faid Jeremy Blanch, Thomas Stinchcombe, Willm Venery als Pike, Thomas Wheeler in right of Sufan his wife daughter of Edward Crome,
Walkeley fonne and heire of Henry Walkeley, John Packer fonne and heire of Henry, Thomas Jopfon fonne of Thomas, who is faid to have aliened lately to John Knight, And Nicholas Hickes who is faid to have lately aliened to
And Arthur Hickes aforefaid brother of the faid Thomas, fonnes of Arthur Hickes, for lands late of Jone Lawrence widowe and Henry Allens, and John Bakers, and Henry Haywardens.
And for proofe of the Tenure to bee by knight fervice, See after fol: 169. 170.

Cromale faire.

Upon the feaft day of St Andrewe the Apoftle, the laft of November, hath for the fpace of 90. yeares paft byn held a kinde of ffayre, by refort of pedlars pear-mongers and the like petty Chapmen, by like authority as that of Cowley before mentioned fol: 156. And vpon like ground; ffor doubtles Charter or grant from the Crowne at any time there hath byn none: which beinge laid vpon foe incertaine a foundation beginneth at this day to melt away, and fhortly the place therof will not bee found, as that of Cowley.

Rates.

In all rates for payments to Church poore or kinge, this of Cromhal Ligon beareth two third parts, And that of Cromhall Abbotts the other third part; And to this manor of Cromhale Ligon is the Advowfon of the Church belonginge, wherof Sir Richard Ducy by the purchafe of his father is patron, and accompted as appendant to this manor; yet was it given to the faid Abbot of St Auguftines by the faid Robert the fonne of Hardinge, vpon his firft foundinge of that monaftery, as in the originall grant therof, which I have read, appeares; But howe or when it came back to the Lords of this manor, or from whom, I have not found.

Advowfon.

The wholl parifh is within the Deanary of Haukefbury, as the Roll of Taxations in 20. E. 1. fheweth, in the tower of London. |

168 Wake day.

The tutelary Saint of this Church, to whofe protection in the daies of our great grandfathers it was comitted, was St Andrewe the Apoftle, when on the funday followinge the wake or ffeaft day is holden; which in the age of hofpitality might give the firft rife of the ffaire above mentioned.

Free warren.

The Abbot of St Auguftines often before mentioned had free warren in this his third part of this parifh called Cromale Abbots, by the grant of kinge E. 1. in the 13th of

13th of his raigne, as before I have written in the deſcription of Almondeſbury, fol: 49. which is likely to bee in generall words (at leaſt) derived downe to the Biſhop of Briſtoll and his ſucceſſors from H. 8. as amply as the Act of parliament in 31. H. 8. gave it to him.

The payment of the ffifteenth or King ſilver, when it is granted by parliament, is, in the Onus or charge for this wholl pariſh,—3li 10s 5d ob. q. The deduction is—18s 1d ob. q. The remainder paid into the Excheqr by the Collector, is—52s 4d. Fifteene.

In the laſt Subſedy, Ao 5to Re Caroli, were of Subſedy men in this pariſh—16, who paid—6li 15s 4d. Subſedy.

Of able men for the warres betweene 20. and 60. yeares old, which at a generall muſter appeared before Henry Lord Berkeley, then Lord Lieutenant of the County, were—80. wherof in Cromhale Abbots, or Abbots ſide—20. Able men.

Of trayned Souldiers vnder Thomas Veel Eſq their Captaine are , wherof Corſletts , muſketts— . Soldiers.

And if the wholl Diviſion of Berkeley accompted a 4th part of the County of Glouc, bee aſſeſſed in any taxe for kinge or Comonwelth at—100li. Then this hundred of Berkeley paies—33li 3s. And this pariſh of Cromhale—20s. And ſoe after that rate. Rates.

Freeholds within this pariſh, beſides thoſe 23. formerly mentioned to have lately beene parcell of Cromhale Ligon.

Heere is a meſſuage with divers Cotages and lands therto belonging containinge about 44. acres, late the inheritance of Robert Dorny and nowe of Robert Webbe, ſonne of Robert Webb, who purchaſed the ſame in 11. Jac Re, of the ſaid Robert Dorney, ſonne of John Dorney; holden of George Lord Berkeley as of his caſtle of Berkeley by knight ſervice, and ſute to his Hundred court of Berkeley from 3 weekes to 3 weekes; which John Gifford aforenamed, then lord of the manor of Cromhale, by deed dated 6. Maij, Ao 8. H. 4. granted to Richard Shevely and his heires, which I have read; wherin, though hee reſerved to himſelfe and his heires the old rent of—21s 8d and the other ſervices of old due and payable to his manor of Cromhale for the ſame, yet the tenure is, as aforeſaid, by force of the Statute of Dornies land, nowe Webbs.

Quia

Quia emptores terrarum, made in 18. E. 1. Which Richard Shevely left iſſue Jone his only daughter and heire, maried to John Dorney, who had iſſue John Dorney who died in 21. E. 4, father of Richard Dorney who died in H. 7., father of Richard who died in H. 8. father of Robert Dorney who died in Eliz: father of John
169 Dorney, who by his firſt wife had iſſue | Alexander and John: And by Chriſtian his ſecond wife, had iſſue Robert Dorney, to whom by the reſtles importunity of his mother, hee the ſaid John by a fine levied in 32. Eliz., the vſe whereof was by Indenture 10. yeares after leade to bee to himſelf for life, the Remainder to the ſaid Chriſtian for her life, the remainder to the ſaid Robert his eldeſt ſonne by the ſaid Chriſtian and to the heires males of his body, the remainder to John Dorney his ſecond ſonne by his firſt wife and to the heires males of his body, the remainder to the right heires of him the ſaid John Dorney the father, who after died on St Stephens day A^o 3° Jac̃, R℘: leavinge the ſaid Robert then 18. yeares old, who after ſold the ſame in 11° Jacobi, to Robert Webb father of the ſaid Robert, as is aforeſaid.

ffor further proofe, ſee

Inq: 7. Jac̃. p̃t mortē Joħis Dorney.—p ſervic̃ militare.

Inq: 14. R℘ Caroli, p̃t mortē Roƀti Webbe, who died 17. yeares before, a^o 6to Caroli R℘.

ffinis in banco in Micħas Term̃. 11. Jac̃. wherby Nicħus Webb (who died a^o 6to Caroli,) purchaſed 8. acres of this land of the ſaid Robert Dorney, ſonne of John, which Nicholas ſonne of the ſaid Nicholas Web nowe holdeth, 1639.

Cromes land late Berkeleys of Beverſton.

Also in this pariſh of Cromhale, Richard Crome ſonne of John Crome ſonne of Richard Crome, holds a meſſuage and about 80. acres of land meadowe and paſture therto belonginge, in the tenure of himſelfe and of his leſſees for life, knowne by the name of Talebrockes; which the ſaid Richard his grandfather did in the firſt of Qu: Mary purchaſe of John Berkeley of Beverſton, after knight, and was of old in the time of kinge Richard the firſt, the land of Phillip de Cromhale, who granted the ſame to Talebrocke and his heires, To hold of him in Soccage, from whoſe ſeizin it is called Talebrockes to this day. The originall deed is with the ſaid Richard Crome, which I have read.

In Eaſter Terme, a^o 16to Caroli R℘, the ſaid Richard Crome levied a fine of this land, And in Micħas Terme after ſuffered (by warrant of Atturny,) a Com̄on recovery

recovery to cut of an Entaile with divers remainders over created by John his father; And by an Indenture leadinge the vse therof, the said Richard disinherited his issue male which hee had by his first wife, and setled the same vpon his sonnes by Suzan his second wife; Such power have younge wives over old husbands, as in divers places of this description of this hundred appeareth, which through the ill relish never have my approbation.

Though the tenure of this manor of Cromhale Ligon is undoubtedly by knight service of the lord Berkeley, as formerly I have written; yet because the Inquisi-c̃ons found after the death of the said Ligons import otherwise, I will, for clearinge the truth therin, And also of the discents of the manor formerly mentioned, set downe togeather sum̄arily the substance of such records as I have met withall, omittinge such accompts court rolls and deeds as are in the evidence house in the Castle of Berkeley, vz; |

The great Chartulary in Berkeley Castle hath 3. discents of Richard de Cromhale, fol: 164. which also is in the great roll of the Pipe, 1. R. 1. et annis, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15. 170

Rꝰ Joħis. glouc̃. et 14. Joħis in Com̃ Wiltes̃.

Rot. Claus̃. 39. H. 3. ꝑs. 1. membr. 4. in arce London.

Quia Joħes Wawton qui duxit in vxor̃ primogenitam filiam et heredem Ric̃i de Cromhale, &c. Rot. pipæ. 43. H. 3. to the same effect. Rot. finiū, 44. H. 3. pars 1. to that effect.

Liber seod̃ mitt̃m in sc̃io c̃m Rem̃ thesaur̃. fol: 337. Witt̃m de Wawton (sonne of John) holdeth the fourth part of Cromhale of Thomas de Berkeley: And Christiana de Mariscijs holdeth another fourth part, vt antea. Which (being a booke of knights fees,) is soe to bee taken and expounded.

Inq: 15. E. 2. pro terris rebelliū in Com̃ Glouc̃, findes, That William de Wawton held the moity of the manor of Cromhale to him and his heires in fee simple.

Inq: 37. E. 3. of knights fees belonginge to the Castle and manor of Berkeley. Hurst. Galfridus de Blunt tenet vnum feodum in Cromhale.

Rot. Patent̃, 3. E. 3. in dorso, Witt̃us de Wawton arr̃ assisā versus Abb̃em de Bristoll, de quodam stagno in Cromhale; Rot. patent̃. 4. E. 3. ꝑs. 1. in dorso. et ꝑs 2. aº 4tº idem. See also Patent̃ 10. et 11. E. 3. dorso.

By

By deed 28. H. 3. Maurice lord Berkeley (inter alia) endowed his mother Jone de toto ſervicio Riči de Cromhale. In Berkeley Caſtle. This implyeth a tenure by knights ſervice.

Rot. pateñ, 38. E. 3. ꝑs. 1. The marriage of Elizabeth, ſiſter and heire of Richard ſonne of Elias Dawbeny, is granted to Gilbert Gifford by the kinge. See Rot, Clauš. 8. R. 2. membr. 50. pro Elia Daubeny &c.

Inq : a° 6to Jacobi Rꝗ poſt mortem Thome Throkmꝰton miłtis.—ꝑ ſerviciū mił.

Inq : a° 10° Regis Caroli, poſt mortem Roꝑti Ducy miłtis et Baronetī.—ꝑ ſerv : mił.

Theis with thoſe other formerly mentioned in the deſcription of this manor of Cromhale, with the ſeiſin of the ſervices expreſſed in my booke of wardſhips and Releeſes, happened to the lord Berkeley, may ſeeme to ſuffice. Vide etiam.

Hillar̃ Term̃ in banco, a° 10. Rꝗ Johis. Rot. 5. Amicius de Woodſtocke opponit ſe verſus Ricm̃ Cromhale et Dioniſiā vxorem ſuam, Wiłłm de Laurd̃ et ffloram vxorē ſuam, et Nicłm de Limeſi et Margaretā vxor̃ ſuam, et Roꝑtum de Corbet et Sibillam vxorē ſuā, de płito conventionis invadiat̃

Term̃ Hillar̃, 38. H. 6. A fine inter Ricm̃ Choke de Manꝰio de Cromhale, &c, the fee to Nicholas Gifford.

See alſo Rot. patent̃. 4. E. 2. ꝑs. 2. membr. 12. And Rot. clauš. 24. E. 2. ꝑs. 1. membr. 5. And Rot. clauš. 26. E. 3. membr. 7. in dorſo. And Inq : 48. E. 3. pł mortē Gilberti Gifford miłtis.—ꝑ. ſerviciū militare.

Co : roll of Wotton fforren, 36. H. 6. Wiłłm Gifford died ſeized of the manor of Cromeale, holden by one knights fee ; But nothinge happeneth for a mountuary, quia vxor ejus habuit ſtatum coniunctim in dicto manerio, et ſic mountuar̃ et releviū (ſaith the Roll).

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Draicote.

Draicote : An hamblet or petty manor within the pariſh of Came, wherof I have formerly written in the deſcription of Came, fol : 125, 126, 127, as the moſt eminent freehold within that pariſh.

Of

Of this manor which I faid extendeth into the villages of Durfley, Cowley, Nibley, and Came, Richard Browninge of Durfley hath a mill and certaine grounds therto belonginge, parcell of the manor of Draicote, wherof hee in 38. Eliz: purchafed three fourth parts of John Browninge of Cowley his elder brother: And by the conveyance they agreed that either of them fhould pay five fhillings the peece of the cheefe rent of—10s And the other fourth part hee purchafed alfo of his faid brother, and hee of Richard Hardinge in a° 7. Rℓ Jacobi, for which fourth part—3s 4d, the refidue of—13s 4d the cheefe rent goinge anciently out of the faid mill, is paid; As amongft other evidences an ancient Accompt of the manor of Came in 18. E. 2. doth fhewe; which mill in divers writings is called Buftorpe als Tanhoufmill, and lyeth in Durfley.

In the parifh of Cowley is an ancient meffuage and 55. acres of land therto belonginge, late parcell of this manor or land called Draicote, nowe in a° 1639 the feverall inheritances of Willm Sage of Briftoll and of Thomas Pope of Came parifh, who purchafed the fame of George Parflowe, fonne of William Parfloe who died in 18. Rℓ Jacobi, fonne of John Parfloe who died in 1° Eliz: and did purchafe the fame of John Moody and Jone his wife, one of the two daughters and coheires of John Draicote als Tanner, who died in 3° H. 7.; which faid meffuage and lands were excepted out of a fine levyed of the manor of Draycote in 35. H. 8. wherof read more in Came. And this meffuage and land is holden of George lord Berkeley by the third part of a knights fee, fute to the hundred court of Berkeley from three weekes to 3. weekes, and by the yearly rent of—34s 4d; whereof alfo fee more in the booke of Wardfhips and releefes, fol: 3. et 22. See alfo the court Roll of Cowley 1° Eliz. pt mortē Johis Parfloe. r̃. 34s 4d p ferviciū militare.

Parfloes land nowe Sage, and Pope.

In Cowley alfo are two other meffuages with divers lands to them feverally belonginge, now the inheritance of John Browninge, fonne of John who died a° 4. Rℓ Caroli, fonne of Richard who died 37. Eliz, fonne of John who died in 5to et 6to Ph: & Mar̃; fomtime parcell of this manor of Draicote, which were excepted out of the fine levied of that manor in 35. H. 8. And which were by the laft mentioned John Browninge purchafed of Alice Goffe and Jone Moody, the two daughters and coheires of Jone fomtime the wife of Henry Beale, one of the two daughters and coheires of John Draycote als Tanner; holden of George lord Berkeley by knight fervice.

ffor this and other pcells of Draicotes, See the office after the death of the faid Browninge in 4to Rℓ Caroli,—per ferviciū militare. |

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Durseley.

Durseley: In Domesdei booke written Derfilege, and foone after Dureflega, wherin Willm the Conqueror had three hides of land in demesne, as that booke sheweth, which with one other hide of land the old inheritance of the Berkeleis, were late the inheritance of Sir Thomas Estcourt knight, who died without issue in 22. Jac̃ Rę, and now of Thomas Estcourt Esq, sonne of Edmond brother of the said Sir Thomas, all holden of the kinge by knight service in Capite.

Name. **The** name of this ancient towne I conceive to come from the British word **Dour**, which signifieth water, which plentifully both arifeth and runneth by and through the same; And the Saxon word **lega, lege** or **lei** which beinge all one doe somtimes signify water and somtimes place; In either very agreeable to the scituation, whereof see before in the description of Berkeley fol: 77. And the water runninge through this towne, is at this day called Ewelme.

Deanry The towne gives the name to one of the Deaneries of this county called the Deanary of Durfley, wherin are the churches of Berkeley, of Slimbridge, of Cowley, of Came, of fframpton, of Durfeley, of Iweley, of Newenton, of Beverston, and of Wotton; As by the ancient roll of taxation in 20. E. 1. in the tower of London appeareth.

Survey in Canc̃: **Upon** a Bill exhibited in Chancery by the Lady Mary Estcourt the widowe of Sir Thomas, in ffebr. 1637. A° 13. Car̃. against the said Thomas Estcourt, it is set out That Sir Thomas her husband was seized in fee of this manor of Durfley, and of the Manors of Shipton, Laffeburrowe, and of the ffarmes of Coldnewenton, and Calcote, And of divers lands in Newenton Bagpath; And by two Indentures of 20. Junij. 22. Jac̃, and of 26. Junij ꝑd, did settle the same on certaine ffeoffees to divers vses, therin perticulerly laid downe: nowe since that time, vpon controversies arisinge, they are agreed, for the quietinge thereof, That a Decree shall bee had by consent, which was done the 19th of Aprill followinge, a° 14. Rę Caroli, containinge 133. leaves of paper in the drawinge vp; And indeed is a good and comendable survey of all the said manors and lands, and of each tenants estate that held any part of any of them; And by which the inheritance was setled in fee vpon the defendant.

Rectory. **The Rectory** or Personage of Durfley is accompted the corps or body of the Archdeaconry of this county of Glouc̃, And is of Custome and right the incumbency of

of him that is for the time oculus epiſcopi, the Archdeacon, which at this time is Hugh Robinſon Doctor of Divinity.

The aforeſaid hide of land was the old habitation of the ancient family of the Berkeleis called of Durſley, in a Caſtle by them built before the Conqueſt, (the ruines whereof are fruitfull with barley and oade there growinge,) And they afterwards alſo held from Edward the Confeſſor and from Willm the Conqueror and from his 2. ſonnes, Willm Rufus and H. 1. and alſo halfe the raigne of kinge Stephen, the firſt mentioned three hides in Domeſdei booke, with the wholl manor of Berkeley (in effect) and all Berkeley herneſſe, (wherof Durſley was an hamblet or parcell of thoſe kings,) in fee farme, at the yearly rent of—500li. 17s. 2d. as the great roll of the pipe in the firſt yeare of kinge Henry the ſecond doth ſhewe. | Durſeley Caſtle.

The firſt of which family whoſe name I can certainly faſten vpon, is Roger Berkeley mentioned in the faid booke of Domeſdei, who alſo lived in the time of kinge Edward the Confeſſor, who was father of William Berkeley, who in the time of kinge Henry the firſt founded the Abby of Kingſwood by Wotton Vnderedge, in that time and after called the manor of Acholt, as amongſt many other proofes the confirmacon of kinge Henry the ſecond in the 11th yeare of his raigne, made to the Abbot of that monaſtery for 10. marks fine, ſpeaketh, ſpecified in the great pipe Roll of that yeare in the Exchequer; which Willm Berkeley was father of Roger Berkeley, who lived in the time of kinge Stephen, who by Haviſia his wife, was father of Robert,[1] who by Helena his wife daughter of the Lord Robert ſonne of Harding, firſt lord of Berkeley, had from her fathers guift, this manor of Durſley in fee ſimple for her mariage portion: Betweene whom was iſſue Roger, who by Hawiſia his firſt wife had iſſue Henry: which Henry by Agnes his wife had iſſue John; 176 Berkeleis pedegree of Durſley.

[1] Smyth is in error here. Sir Henry Barkly in an able Memoir *On the Earlier Houſe of Berkeley*, ("Trans: Briſtol and Glouceſterſhire Archæol: Society, Vol. VIII.") has ſhewn that William Berkeley was not the father of Roger, but that there were five Rogers in ſucceſſion, extending from the time of the Domeſday Inqueſt (1086) to 1221. William Berkeley, who was Cuſtos of the Honour of Berkeley in 1131, is ſuppoſed to have been the ſon of Euſtace, brother of Roger II. He it was who founded Kingſwood Abbey in 1139, and ſurrendered the founderſhip to his nephew Roger III., in 1148. In the previous year he was enfeoffed in Eldresfield by Robert Earl of Glouceſter, in which he was ſucceeded by his ſon William and grandſon Robert who, as appears from *Teſter de Nevil*, held it in 1216. According to Sir Henry Barkly, he is miſtaken here, as he is in his Life of Robert Fitz Harding (Ante Vol. I., p. 55,) in ſtating that Helena, Fitz Harding's eldeſt daughter, married *Robert* ſon and heir of Roger de Berkeley. Her huſband, he ſhews, was Roger (IV.) ſon and heir of the above-named Roger III. It is remarkable that neither the name of Roger Berkeley's eldeſt ſon nor of either of the ladies occur in the agreement made between the parents, which will be printed poſt under Slimbridge. [Ed.]

John ; which John by Sibill his wife had iſſue Henry ; which Henry by Jone his wife had iſſue William, John and Henry ; which William and John died without iſſue, leavinge this manor to diſcend vpon the ſaid Henry their brother and heire ; which Henry had iſſue John, who died in [23rd Edw. III ?] And by Hawiſia his wife left iſſue Nicholas and Maud : which Nicholas maryed Cicely ſiſter and heire of Sir John de la more of Bitton, but died without iſſue in 6. R. 2. A° 1382. wherby this manor diſcended to the ſaid Maud his ſiſter, who was maried to Robert de Cantelo, and died in the 4th of H. 4. by whom ſhee left iſſue Robert who died in , leavinge iſſue Elizabeth his only daughter and heire maried to Richard Chedder, which Richard and Elizabeth his wife were they who in 13. H. 4. ſold by a fine then levied the Advowſon of the ſaid Abby of Kingſwood to Thomas then lord Berkeley the 4th of that name, wherof the ſaid William Berkeley in the time of kinge H. 1. was founder ; After the death of which Richard Chedder and Elizabeth in the time of kinge Henry the ſixth, this manor of Durſley came by diſcent to Thomas Wike, als Wikes, who died in 13. E. 4. leavinge iſſue John Wikes who died in 1. H. 7, and was father of Edmond Wikes who died in 6. H. 8, father of Nicholas Wikes who died in 4. & 5. Ph : & Mar̃, whoſe ſonne John Wikes died in the life time of his father, leavinge iſſue Robert Wikes who in 9. Eliz. ſold this manor of Durſley to Richard Bird and his heires, And hee ſhortly after to Edmond Woolworth als Webbe, who died in Eliz : leavinge iſſue Willm, who in Eliz. ſold the ſame to Richard Bridges, who ſold the ſame in Eliz. to Thomas Eſtcourt Eſqr, who died in Eliz. leavinge iſſue Sir Thomas Eſtcourt knight, who dyinge in 22. Jac̃. without iſſue, left the ſame to Thomas Eſtcourt his brother Edmonds ſonne, as is aforeſaid ; Howbeit, Richard Webb als Woolworth ſonne and heire of the ſaid Willm, to this day receiveth 20l. p Anñ out of this manor for his life, from the heire of the ſaid Richard Bridges.

It cañot bee vnpleaſinge to you, delightinge in ſuch reverend Antiquities, to read out of that venerable booke called the Red booke in the office of the kings Remembrancer in the Excheqr, the Certificate of the ſaid Roger Berkeley made to kinge Henry the ſecond in the thirteenth yeare of his raigne, in the originall | 177 words, thus ; Glouc : Carta Rogeri de Berkeley. Sciant dñs Rex, q̃d ego Rogerus de Berkeley habeo duos milites et dimid̃ ſeſatos de veteri feoffomento, vnde Hugo de planca tenet dimidiam hidam ; Et de iſtis integrum militem habetis ad dimidium faciend̃, tenet, vz, Rad̃us de Yweley dimidiam hidam : ffemina Rad̃i Cantileue dimidiā hidam ; Rogerus de Alba mara vnam virgatam ; Simon de Coveleg̃ vnā virgatā ; ffemina Ric̃i Ganſeli tres virgatas ; Prior de Stanlega vnam virgatā ; Et ſic

ſic habetis dimid̃ militem. Ad alterum militem faciend̃, Walterus de holecombe tenet tres hidas et dimid̃; Reginaldus de Alba mara tres hidas; Et ita tenent iſti tres decem hidas, vnde nolunt mihi facere ſerviciū niſi de tribus virgatis, ſz, vnuſquiſq; de vna virgata: Et ita habetis duos milites et dimidiū feodatos, nullumq; feſſatum habeo de novo de meo tempore. Si vobis in antea de dominio meo placet audire, In manerio meo de Coburly habeo feoda duorum militum; Apud Stanley feodum vnius militis, cum vna hida de Chedrington; In Newenton habeo vnum feodum militis; In Durſeley vnā hidam; In Eſſlewrda dimidiā hidam; In Duddington tres hidas et dimidiam; In Slimbridg̃ tres hidas, quas ego veſtro aſſenſu dedi Mauricio filio Roberti, vnde nullum habeo ſervicium. Kingeſwedam tenent albi monachi ex dono Willi de Berkeley, vnde vobis integrum militem facio, quam ipſi mihi nullum ſervicium facere volunt.—**Thus that Certificate.** And vpon this hide of land in Durſley doubtles was his dwelling place, in his Caſtle anciently built theron, which was an old freehold of it ſelfe and not parcell of the manors either of Berkeley or of Durſeley.

An ancient booke of knights fees of the time of kinge E. 1. in the Excheq^r, with the Remembrancer to the lord Treaſorer, thus; Henricus Berkele tenet Durſeley et Newenton de Rege in capite per ſerviciū duorum militum.

An Inquiſition in the Tower in 15. E. 1. numero 18. findeth, that Henry Berkely (inter alia) died ſeized of the manor of Stanley St Leonard, q̃d ptinet ad Baroniam de Durſeley, and that Willm was his ſonne and heire, 15. years old.

The patent roll, 38. H. 3. membr. 2. et 6. ſhewes, that the kinge granted liberty to Willm Berkeley of Durſeley,[1] for terme of his life, with his hounds to hunt the fox, wolfe, hare, wild catt, badger, &c. And that hee ſhould not bee returned upon any Jury, nor bee made Sheriffe, Coroner, &c, againſt his will.

And

[1] Smyth has here improperly introduced the words "of Durſley" after the name of the grantee. No ſuch words occur in either of the records he cites, (Charter Roll 37th and 38th Henry III., Roll 50, &c.) We are at preſent unable to ſay who was this William de Berkeley that ſtood ſo high in the kings favour. It is clear he was not William, 5th ſon of Thomas I., Lord Berkeley, who was conſtrained to quit the realm in 56th Henry III., (1272) "never to returne," (Ante Vol. I., p. 120,) whereas the William who married Avicia Blakeford, is ſtated in the Inquiſition, taken after her death, for Devon (Inq. p. m. 56th Henry III., No. 21,) ſhews that her huſband William Berkeley was then (1270) deceaſed.

The Patent Rolls cited by Smyth belonged to the Vaſcon or Gaſcon ſeries. They contain grants made by the King during his Expedition into Gaſcony in 1253 and 1254. They have been by ſome overſight ſeparated from the Patent Rolls, and are now placed with the Charter Rolls, but have not been Calendared. [Ed.]

And by the patent roll, 39. H. 3. ps. 2. This Willm Berkeley was valettus regis, one that waites on the kinge in his bedchamber: And by Patent. 40. H. 3. membr. 9. hee ſtood greatly in his favour; And ſoe intimates Liberaĩ. 41. H. 3.; And had to wife Avicia, in whofe right hee had the manor of Brampton in the county of Devon. Clauſ. 45. H. 3. membr. 9. et 22. And Clauſ, 46. H. 3. in dorſo, to like effect.

And by the patent roll, 53. H. 3. ps. 1. mem: vltimâ. This William de Berkeley was pardoned by the kinge his partakinge with Roger de Clifford in his rebellion and ſtirres raiſed againſt the kinge becauſe hee would not keepe the ſtatutes and proviſions of the parliament made at Oxford.

This Henry de Berkeley lord of Durſley had in 9. E. 1. a tryall with Thomas lord Berkeley, the ſecond lord of that name, for the liberties of |

178 And in the ſaid 9th and 13th yeares of the ſame, hee, (as it ſeemes) put forward two writs of **Quo warranto** againſt the ſaid Thomas lord Berkeley, which cominge to triall at Glouc̃, the Jury found That the Anceſtors of the lord Thomas in the times of Kinge H. 2, and of kinge John vſed That if any theeves were taken either in the Court or in the towne of Durſeley, to bringe them the ſame day to the caſtle of Berkeley, if the day ſufficed, and there they were accuſtomed to receive their Judgment, and to have Juſtice executed vpon them; But if that day of their takinge ſufficed not, then to be brought to the ſaid Caſtle the morrowe after.

The booke in the Exchequer called **Nomina villarum**, remaininge in the office of the Remembrancer to the lord Treaſorer, compiled in 9. E. 2. ſaith, That in the hundred of Berkeley are two burrowe townes, vz, Berkeley wherof Thomas lord Berkeley is lord, And Durſley wherof John ſonne of William Berkeley is lord.

The ſaid John ſonne of William Berkeley, in 4. E. 3. takinge the advantage of the time whileſt Thomas lord Berkeley grandchilde and heire of the laſt mentioned lord Thomas was in tryall by parliament for his life and fortunes about the murder of kinge E. 2. in his Caſtle of Berkeley, exhibites his petition in that parliament, ſettinge forth Howe himſelfe holds the manors of Durſeley and Newenton in the county of Glouc̃ of the kinge by knight ſervice in Capite, And that the ſaid Thomas Lord Berkeley beinge one of the gardians of the peace there, hath by his Seigniory and office often wrongfully diſtrayned him by his plowe cattle, And that noe deliverance

deliverance would bee made of them by the Sheriffe nor by his bayly or other Miniſters, for that they are all of his fee and Livery and of his houſhold ſervants; And ſoe by his Seigniory, and by Dures, and by colour of a new purchaſe which of late hee hath made, and by the aid of Sir Roger de Mortimer late one of the kinges Councellors to have returne of Writts and all other royall ffranchiſes within his hundred of Berkeley, which before was guildable, would encroach to him the attendance and Seigniory of him the ſaid John, to his diſinheriſon and to the damage of the kinge; wherof hee nowe praies remedy in this high Court of parliament; Whereto the anſwere was, That the Rolles of the Chancery ſhould bee viewed; And more, I thinke, followeth not heervpon. Howbeit if you deſire to read other ſutes betweene theſe parties of as angry a nature, let the hiſtory booke of the life of this lord Thomas, vnder the title of his ſuites in Lawe, bee conſulted withall, which heere I purpoſely omitt.

In this Towne is a Market each Thurſday, and two fayre daies yearly, The one on the 25th day of Aprill called St Marks day, And the other on the 23th day of November, called St Clements day; But when or by what kinge firſt granted to the Lord heereof, I have not obſerved. Markett. ffaires.

The Government of this towne is by a Magiſtrate called the Bailiffe, yearly choſen by the Lords Steward and the Jury at the Leete or Lawday holden within a month after Michaelmas day.

In this towne is a rocke of a ſtrange ſtone called a Puffe ſtone or as ſome pronounce A tough ſtone, wherin is noe chinke, cracke, chopp or Liſne at all; like a ſpunge; of an incredible durance, as the walles of Berkeley caſtle made of the ruines of the old nunrye there demoliſhed neere 700. yeares agone may witnes; very eaſy to bee cut, and ſoft; through which rocke divers vaults houſes cellers mills and water courſes in the towne, are cut, and runne. The like is ſaid not to bee elſwhere found: and by it and through part of it runneth the ſtreame from the faire fountaine there called Ewelme, | anciently in the time of H. 3. and before written Hewelme in divers deeds. Puffe ſtone. 179 Ewelme water.

To have viſited an ancient hermitage ſeated in the midſt of the deſert woods hanginge over this towne, may ſeeme in daies of ſuch beleiſe to have byn an expiatory or meritorious worke, through the paines taken in the vneaſy and dangerous clyminge and acceſſe to the hermites cell, vp and downe the ſteepe and craggy hills leadinge Hermitage.

leadinge therto: The laſt time I finde mention of Heremite or Heremitage, is in the Court roll of the Manor of Ham, in 8. H. 8. when hee was awarded at that court (bina manu) with two hands, to proove that the horſe which had thither ſtrayed and there taken vp was not theiſe-ſtollen by him, but his owne proper goods But though hee had reſtitution, yet doubtleſſe moſt of them were hypocriticall knaves.

Nunnery. Heere alſo is a place which to this day is called the Nunnery.

ffifteene. The payment of the fifteen or Kingſilver when it is granted to the kinge by parliament, is in the onus or charge in the Excheq^{r}, 6^{li}. 15^{s}. 5^{d} The deduction is—13^{s}. 4^{d}. The Remanet paid into the Exchequer by the Collector is—6^{li}. 2^{s}. 1^{d}.

Subſedy. In the laſt Subſedy in 5to Caroli were in this pariſh 9. ſubſedy men, who paid—3^{li}. 8^{s}.

Able Men. Soldiers. And of able men for the warres betweene 20. and 60. yeares old, in a^{o} 6to Jacobi, were—101. And now of trayned ſouldiers vnder Thomas Veel Eſq^{r} their Captaine are , wherof corſletts, and muſketts.

Rates. And if the whole Diviſion of Berkeley, accompted a 4th part of the county of Glouc̃ bee rated in any tax for kinge or com̃on wealth to pay—100^{li}. Then this hundred of Berkeley paies therof—33^{li}. 3^{s}., And this towne of Durſley—8^{s}., And ſoe after that rate. |

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Egeton.

Egeton: written alſo Ecketon, and Ecton, and Ecton Halmer, and Eckton: Is one of the 11. hamblets within the pariſh of Berkeley wherof the ſpacious manor of Hame conſiſteth, wherof ſee more in that manor. fol: 239.

This hamblet alſo is called Halmer, and included in the bounds thereof doth for the moſt part conſiſt of freehold lands heertofore in the times of R. 1. and kinge John, and of H. 3, granted by the lords of Berkeley caſtle in fee, not only heere but throughout their wholl hundred of Berkeley, as in each leafe almoſt in this deſcription is to bee read: A great part of which land in this hamblet was in the time of kinge John and of his ſonne kinge H. 3. the land of John de Egeton, and after

after of Walter and Wiłłm de Egeton, and in the time of kinge E. 3. of John de Egeton: from whom it came into the name and family of Vſher, who alſo was called Donell aſs Danyell; As a pardon in Rot. pdonū. 30. H. 6. membr. 31. made to William Donell nup de Berkeley yeoman, aſs Wiłłm Vſher of Biſely yeoman; And as an other pardon in Rot. perdonū. 36. H. 6. made to Wiłłm Donell aſs Wiłłm Vſher, aſs Wiłłm Danyell of Berkeley geñ, doe plainly ſhewe. And from them it came to the family and name of Reme aſs Reom aſs ffreme (as at this day wee pronounce it,) of Lipiat, with whom the moſt of thoſe lands remaine, wherof part in Hame, Hinton, Halmer, Alkington, and Berkeley Burrowe, as in the deſcription of all thoſe places or moſt of them ſhall appeare, in the freeholds there. fol: 211. and for 5. leaves after. And in Hinton fol: 230. And fol: 220. 221. |

Elberton. 182

Elberton: aſs Ailberton, aſs Hailberton, aſs Elbrighton, aſs Eldberton, quaſi The old Barton or farme place; In Domeſdei booke it is written Eldbertone, wherin Wiłłm the Conqueror had 5. hides of land in demeſne.

The manor is nowe the inheritance of Humphrey Hooke a marchant of Briſtoll, who purchaſed the ſame of Sir Arthur Smythes, ſonne of George Smythes a goldſmith in London, who purchaſed the ſame of Walter Walſh of Sodbury Eſquire, to whom Henry Walſh his cozen (after ſlaine in ſingle combate by Sir Edward Wintour,) conveyed this and other manors: Which Henry was the ſonne of Nicholas Walſh, ſonne of Maurice Walſh who died in 4. Mar̃, ſonne of Sir John Walſh, ſonne of John Walſh of Oldeſton and of Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Richard fforriſter aſs ffoſter of Sodbury: And is holden by knights ſervice in Capite of the Crowne.

This manor was parcell of the Herneſſe, viz Nookes or corners of the great manor of Berkeley; And by kinge Henry the ſecond in the firſt yeare of his raigne, granted (inter alia) to Robert ſonne of Harding and his heires, who afterwards about the 12th of the ſaid kinge gave the ſame (inter alia) to Robert his third ſonne and his heires, and died five yeares after; and by the death of the ſaid Robert ſonne of Robert in the time of kinge John, it diſcended to Maurice de Gant his ſonne and heire, By whoſe death without iſſue in 14. H. 3. this manor diſcended and came to Robert de Gurnay, ſonne and heire of Eve ſiſter and heire of

of the ſaid Maurice: which Robert dyinge in 53. H. 3. left it by diſcent to Anſelme de Gurnay his ſonne, and by his death in 14. E. 1. it diſcended to John de Gurney his ſonne, who dyinge without iſſue five yeares after his father, leaft the ſame to Elizabeth his ſiſter and heire, who was maried to Sir John ap Adam, who died in 5. E. 2. leavinge iſſue by his ſaid wife, Thomas ap Adam; who by a fine and other aſſurances in 4. E. 3. ſold this manor (with Kingeſweſton) to Maurice Berkeley knight and his heires, ſecond ſonne of Maurice lord Berkeley the third of that name, who had iſſue Sir Thomas Berkeley, called of Ewley, and died in 21. E. 3. And the ſaid Sir Thomas died in 35. E. 3. leavinge iſſue Maurice Berkeley knight, who died in 2. H. 4. leavinge iſſue Sir Maurice Berkeley borne after the death of his father, who died in 4. E. 4. leavinge iſſue Sir William Berkeley knight, to whom this manor (inter alia) diſcended, As the Inquiſicõn found that yeare after his death ſheweth; the ſaid Sir Wiłłm then 28. yeares old, who after died in 16. H. 7. leavinge iſſue Sir Richard Berkeley.

But foraſmuch as the ſaid Sir Wiłłm Berkeley was in 1. H. 7. attainted of high Treaſon, by parliament, for pertakinge with kinge R. 3. ſlaine in battell at Boſworth ſeild: and this manor granted by kinge H. 7. with his other poſſeſſions to Jaſper Earle of Pembroke in taile, Though the ſaid Sir Wiłłm was reſtored to moſt of his lands after compoſicõn made with the ſaid Earle; And his ſonne Sir Richard after his fathers death to all the reſt, yet ſith neither of them are found to dye ſeized of this manor, nor to ſue Livery therof, nor any of their poſterity after them, I cañot but conceive that one of them ſold away the ſame; But when or to whom I have not obſerved: But ſince come downe to Humphrey Hooke, as is firſt before ſaid. |

183 Champneis land. In this pariſh of Ailberton is one ancient freehold created by the aforeſaid Anſelme de Gurnay by a grant therof made to Thomas Norris and his heires, who after ſold the ſame to Thomas Trepyn and his heires; And hee to John Champneis and his heires; All which ſeverall Alienations are laid down in a pardon dated 18. Julij A°. 10°. E. 3. beinge made without licence; yet that record ſaith That theis lands are holden of John Lidiard in Capite; And are nowe, Anno 1639, the inheritance of Thomas Herynge and of James Segar, worth one hundred pounds per Anñ; And had in the name and poſterity of the ſaid John Champneis continued in lineall diſcent, till Edm: Champneis that yet is and his father ſold the ſame of late yeares. ffor ſomwhat more of theis lands ſee an Inquiſicõn in 11. E. 2. after the death of John Trepin. And an Inq: vpon an Ad quod damnum in 10. E. 3. aforeſaid

faid, which layeth downe what is before written : And in the fecond volume of my hiftory of the family of the Berkeleis, in the title of the iffue of the lord Maurice the third.

The Church of Eldberton is within the Deanry of Briftoll, and in fome Deeds faid, (as alfo ffilton,) to belonge to the mother church of Almondefbury, as Chaples therof. Church.

The payment of the ffifteenth or Kingefilver when it is granted by parliament, goeth with Kingfwefton vnder one fome ; The onus or charge of both places togeather is—10li. 14s. ob. qb. The deduction is 26s. 8d. The Remanet paid into the Exchequer for both Townfhips by the Collector is—9li. 7. 4d. ob. qb. ffifteene.

In the laft Subfedy in a°. 5to. Caroli Rℓ were 13. fubfedy men in this parifh of Elberton, who paid—4li. 16s. Subfedy.

Of able men for the Warres betweene 20. and 60. yeares old in a°. 6to. Jacobi Rℓ, which fhewed themfelves before Henry lord Berkeley then Leiutenant of the County at a generall mufter, were—41. Able men.

Of trained Souldiers vnder their captaine Thomas Veel Efqb, now are Soldiers.

And if the wholl Divifion of Berkeley, accompted a 4th part of the county, bee rated in any tax for the kinge or comon wealth at—100li. Then this hundred of Berkeley paies thereof 33li. 3s. And this towne of Elberton 20s. Rates.

Somwhat more of this Elberton is to bee read in theis records, vizt.,

Inq : 53. H. 3. pt. mortem Roberti de Gurnay.
Inq : 14. E. 1. pt. mortē Anfelmi de Gurnay.
Inq : 21. E. 3. pt. mortē Mauricij filij Mauricij de Berkeley.
Inq : 29. E. 3. pt. mortē Thomæ Berkeley de Vle chr. |

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Eweley. 185

Eweley : In Domefdei booke written Eunelege, Soe called of the faire or beautifull water there ; wherin William the Conqueror had two hides of land in demefne, as that booke fheweth ; nowe at this day holden by feverall lords by feverall tenures, as after followeth ;

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I have not in all my tumblings over of Records and Deeds obſerved any one place to be ſoe diverſly written and ſpelled as this townſhip, as theis 20. diverſities ſince the booke of Domeſdei will declare: As Eweley, Vley, Ewly, Euwely, Euweley, Ewelye, Heuweley, Iweley, Iwely, Iowley, Iveley, Yweley, Yweleigh, Youlay, Yevele, Vly, Vle, Vlee, Vleygh, Vwely, and Eweleg̃.

Baſſetts manor. In this pariſh are two manors, and both ancient, The one called Baſſetts manor, The other White court: ffirſt of the firſt, as after.

But becauſe I cañot well in certainty diſtinguiſh to which of the ſaid two manors divers old deeds which I have read and noted doe belonge, I will in this deſcription of this pariſh firſt ſet them downe, leavinge it to you in the ripenes of your further knowledges and obſervations to apply them to both manors, or either, or to ffreeholds within the pariſh, as after alſo will followe.

See fol: 1.

To begin with Domeſdei booke, it hath only two hides of land, which is 8. yard land in cõmon acceptation at this day; And this doubtleſſe was by kinge H. 2, aſwell when he was but Duke of Normandy as when hee was after kinge of England, granted in the firſt of his raigne to Robert the ſonne of Harding firſt Lord of Berkeley and to his heires, which Robert died in 17. H. 2. and Maurice his ſonne and heire in 1. R. 1. and Robert ſonne and heire of the ſaid Maurice in 4. H. 3. without iſſue, And Thomas was his brother and heire, who died 28. H. 3. Nowe in the time of kinge Henry the ſecond it was the land of Walter de Iwele, and in the time of kinge R. 1. and of kinge John the land of Peter de Iweleia, and of Peter yweleye his ſonne, who doubtles had not the ſame from the ſaid Robert, Maurice, nor Robert; and therfore I am in mine owne opinion compelled to ſay, That the ſame was given to them by the family of the Berkeleys of Durſley, betweene the makinge of Domeſdei booke and the agreement made at Briſtoll in the 7th of kinge Stephen, betweene the ſaid Roger Berkeley of Durſley and the ſaid Robert the ſonne of Hardinge, by the mediation of kinge Stephen and of Henry Duke of Normandy, after kinge, as before appeares; that hee did the like in Draycote and as after in Wainſwell and divers others, as the deeds themſelves of thoſe lands which I have ſeene, doe witneſſe; All which time that family of the Berkeleis of Durſeley held the whole Manor of Berkeley and all Berkeley herneſſe in fee farme of the Crowne, as before I have written, fol: 175. 176. 177. And after that peace thoſe grants ſoe made were confirmed by the ſaid Robert the ſonne of Harding and his heires, to the feoffees and their heires, by ſeverall deeds,

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Many of which I have alſo ſeene. And thus doubtles I may ſay of divers other old freeholds, ſuch as Pitcourt in Nybley, and Cromhale, and Bradſton, and Stinteſcumbe, and Peers court and Melkeſham court in Stintefcumbe, and
Whoſe originall grants (wherby they were firſt derived out of the great manor of Berkeley) I have not mett withall, nor perhaps will you, as beinge in the length of ſoe many ages periſhed from amongſt the writings of men: Alſo the Certificate of Roger de Berkeley of Durſley formerly | mentioned in Durſley, fol: 177. which hee 186
made to Henry the ſecond in the 13th yeare of his raigne, what time hee maryed his daughter Matilda (Maude) to the Duke of Saxony, much confirmes the ſame, with theis and others in Yweleig̃ ats Ewley: which Certificates then made by all the great men of moſt counties that held of the kinge by knight ſervice, beinge after collected into one body by Alexander Archdeacon of Saloꝑ, is that remarkeable booke in the Excheqr called the Red booke at this day.

Alſo Raphe de Iuley was one of the 8. pledges for the ſaid Roger de Berkeley in the time of king Stephen, that hee ſhould keepe the ſaid Agreement then made with Robert the ſonne of Harding̃, who is mentioned after in the ſaid certificate of the ſaid Roger, made to kinge H. 2.

By Deed without date (but temp: R. 1.) Peter de Iweleia granted to Robert de Berkeleia, totam terram ſuam de Weſtcote, in fee: And if the ſaid Peter could not warrant the ſaid land, then to give him of his land in Iweley to the value thereof.

By Deed without date, in the time of kinge John, or H. 3. Peter de Yweleye granted to Sir Wiłłm Berkeley knight, All his land in ywel, nomine hereditatis, To hold of him and his heires, faciendo capitalibus đnis feodi ſervicia ꝑdčæ terræ debita et confueta.

By Deed in aº 1262. in 47. H. 3. Peter de Ewley granted to Wiłłm Berkeley knight and to his heires, all his lands in Ewley, exꝑſſinge therein the names of divers furlonge and places, Rendringe to the Cheiſe Lords the ſervices accuſtomed, et regale ſerviciū cùm acciderit.

By Deed without date, John ſonne and heire of the ſaid Peter of yweley granted and confirmed to the ſaid Sir Wiłłm Berkeley and his heires, All the foreſaid lands and tenńts which hee had in Cowley, To hold to the ſaid Wiłłm and his heires; Which came after to Anſelme Baſſett, as followeth in fol: 188.

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Carta. The foresaid Thomas lord Berkeley (brother and heire of Robert who died in 4. H. 3. without issue,) by his Deed in hec verba. Sciant p̃ntes et futuri quod ego Thomas de Berkel dedi concessi et hâc carta meâ confirmavi Margaretæ filiæ meæ pro homagio et servicio suo, Totam medietatem manij mei de Eweleg̃, et medietatem molendini q̃d habui in eod̃ manio, cum õibus libtatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad medietatem dc̃i manerij ptinent̃ib⁹ et cũ õibus alijs ptinentijs suis In wainagijs, boscis et planis, in pratis et pasturis, in servicijs liberoꝝ hominum et consuetudinarioꝝ, in vijs et semitis, in Stagnis et molendinis, in aquis et aquaꝝ cursibus, et in omnibus alijs rebus ad medietatem dc̃i manerij ptinentib⁹ in omnibus locis. Et p̃terea dedi et concessi dc̃e Margaretæ de incremento ad Curiam sibi edificandam in dc̃o manerio, vnam virgatam terræ cum omnibus ptinentijs suis, sc̃lt, illam virgatam terræ quã Idonea de Estgate vidua aliquando de me tenuit; Quare volo quod dc̃a Margareta habeat et teneat totam medietatem dc̃i manerij et medietatem dc̃i molendini, et virgatã terre p̃dc̃ã cũ õibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad medietatẽ dc̃i Manij ptinentib⁹, et cũ õibus alijs ptineñ suis in omnibus locis, de me et de heredibus meis sibi et heredibus suis de corpore suo procreatis, liberè et quietè bene et in
187 pace iure | hereditario imperpetuũ; faciendo mihi et heredibus meis dc̃a Margareta et heredes sui de corpore suo procreati, quartam partem servicij vnius militis, et duas sectas ad hundredum meum de Berkel p aũũ p se vel per Attornatũ ad rationabilem sumonic̃oem, sc̃lt, ad proximũ hundredũ post festum sc̃i Mich̃is vnã sectã, et ad prox̃ hundredũ post Hokeday aliam sectam pro õibus servicijs secularibus, exactionibus et demandis. Et ego Thomas de Berkel et heredes mei dc̃e Margaret̃ et heredibus suis de corpore suo procreatis totã medietatẽ dc̃i manij et medietatẽ molendini et virgatã terre prenominatã cum õibus libtatibꝫ et al̃ ptineñ suis contra omnes gentes warrantizabim⁹, acquietabim⁹ et defendem⁹ imppetuum. Et ut hæc mea donatio, concessio et cartæ huius confirmatio rata sit et stabilis, sigillũ meum huic cartæ apposui. Hijs testibus, Dño Willo Grasso primogenito, Dñis Ottone filio Willi, Henric̃ de Berkel, Petro de Stintescumba, Simoñ de Ollepenna, Waltero de Burgo, Joh̃e de Duresleg̃, Thoma Maudutt, Nich̃o Ruffo, Rogero de Camma, Joh̃e de Draicote, et alijs.

2 Carta. And by another Deed, in hæc verba. Sciant p̃sentes et futuri, quod ego Thomas de Berkele dedi concessi et hac p̃nti carta mea confirmavi Margarete filie mee pro homagio et servicio suo, totam medietatem totius manerij mei de Eweleg̃ cum õibus ptineñ suis, sc̃lt, totam medietatem totius dnici, tam in gainagijs[1] quam in boscis

[1] Gainagium—Gainage—Lands held in villanage, also the gainage or profit arising from such lands. Wainagium, (above) is the same word in a different form, having the same signification. [Ed.]

boſcis et pratis, ſcdm rationabilem divitionem, Et totum ſerviciū totaz terrarū cum ōibus ſuis ptineñ, quas Walterus de ſco Jacobo, Adam Stut, Joħes de Ekinton et Walterus de cimiterio de me tenuerunt in ſeodo, In homagijs, in redditibus, Relevijs, gardis, et eſkeitis, cm ōibus alijs ſervicijs, quæ de ꝑdcis terris exeunt, vel exire poterunt. Et preterea totam illam terram cum ſuis ptineñ quam Ricus le Bele de me tenuit, in villanagio, et dcum Ricum cm tota ſequela iꝑius. Item totam illam terram cū ſuis ptineñ quam Roħtus Weſt de me tenuit in villanagio, et dcm Roħtum cū tota ſequela iꝑius. Item totam illā terrā cū ſuis ptineñ quam Adam de la Hulle de me tenuit in villanagio, et dcm Adam cū tota ſequela iꝑius. Item totam illā terrā cum ſuis ptineñ quam Walterus Edritch de me tenuit in villanagio et dcm Walterum cum tota ſequela iꝑius. Item totam illā terrā cū ſuis ptineñ quam Rogerus le Weite de me tenuit in villanagio, et dcm Rogerum cm tota ſequela iꝑius. Item totam illā terram cū ſuis ptineñ quā Tomus porcarius de me tenuit in villanagio, et dcm Tomum cum tota ſequela iꝑius. Item totā illā terrā cum ſuis ptineñ quam Margeria Mortimer de me tenuit in villanagio, et dcā Margeriam cum tota ſequela iꝑius. Item totam illam terram cum ſuis pertineñ quam Spilemannus faber de me tenuit in villanagio, et dcū Spilemannū cum tota ſequela iꝑius. Et preterea totā illā virgatā terræ cū ſuis ptineñ quam Idonia de Eſtgate de me tenuit ad curiam ꝑdcæ Margaretæ edificandam. Et preterea totam medietatem molendini quod habeo in eod manerio. **Quare** volo q̄d dca Margareta filia mea ħeat et teneat totā medietatē dci manij in ōibus ꝑdictis cum ōibus liħtatibus et liberis conſuetudinibus ad medietatem dci manii ptinentib⁹ et cum ōibus alijs pertinentijs ſuis, in boſcis et planis, in pratis et paſturis, in vijs et ſemitis, in aquis, et in aquarū curſibus, in ſtagnis et molendinis et in omnibus alijs locis et rebus ad medietatem dci manij ptinentib⁹, de me et de heredibus meis in ſeodo et hereditate ſibi et heredibus ſuis de corpore ſuo procreatis, libere et quiete, bene et in pace, integre et honorifice imppetuum. ffaciendo mihi et heredib⁹ meis dca Margareta et heredes ſui de corpore ſuo procreati quartam partem ſervicij vnius militis, et duas ſectas ad hundredum meum de **Berkel** p aūū, ſcłt, ad proximum hundredum poſt feſtum Sci Michis vnā ſectā, et ad proximū hundredū poſt Hockday aliā ſectā pro ōibus ſervicijs et ſecularibus demandis. Et ego Thomas de Berkeł et heredes mei, ꝑdcæ Margaretæ et heredibus ſuis de | corpore ſuo procreatis totam medietatem dci manerij et medietatem molendini 188
et virgatam terræ prenominatam ad Curiā ſibi edificandam, cum ōibus libertatibus et liberis conſuetudinibus ad medietatem dci manij ptinentib⁹, et cum ōibus alijs ptinentijs ſuis in ōibus locis contra omnes gentes warrantizabim⁹ acquietabim⁹ et deſendem⁹ imppetuum. Et vt hæc mea donatio conceſſio et cartæ huius confirmatio rata ſit et ſtabilis, huic cartæ ſigillum meum appoſui. Hijs teſtibus, Dñis Wiłło

Graſſo

Graſſo primogenito, Ottone filio W^i^, Ricō de Cromhale, Petro de Stinteſcumba, Henric̄ de Berkel, Simoñ de Oillipenñ, Ricō de Brumelhā, Philippo de Cromhale. Nicħo Ruffo, Joħe, de Draicote, Rogero de Camma et pluribus alijs.

Theis two deeds (written both with one hand,) thus made, ſhortly after one the other, the ſaid Thomas lord Berkeley in 28. H. 3. died; About which time as I conceive the ſaid Margaret was maried to Sir Anſelme Baſſet knight, who ſhortly after purchaſed to himſelfe and to the ſaid Margaret his wife and their heires of the before mentioned Sir William Berkeley, All his lands in Vleigh which himſelfe had formerly bought of the ſaid Peter de Ewley, Which Maurice Berkeley ſonne of Sir William after confirmed, as by the Deed it ſelfe remaininge with William Baſſet that nowe is, A^o^ 1639. which I have read, appeares. And by this purchaſe was the moity of this manor much enlarged.

The ſaid Sir Anſelme Baſſett died in 8. E. 1. as by Rot. pateñ, in 13. E. 1. membr. 25. in arce Londini, appeares; And by his ſaid wife left iſſue John and Edmond, both of them knights: John died without iſſue, and the ſaid Edmond was his brother and heire; who by Iſable his wife, ſiſter and one of the three coheires of one other Edmond Baſſet, remaried to Puncherdon, had iſſue Symon Baſſet knight, and died E. 2. which Sir Simon by Maud his ſecond wife, (for by Elizabeth his firſt wife hee had noe iſſue,) daughter and coheire of John de Button, had iſſue John, Maurice, and Edmond Baſſet, and died in 37. E. 3; whom the ſaid Maud ſurvived and died in 12. R. 2. Which John was a knight, and the yeare before his father died without iſſue, As alſo did Maurice: And Edmond their brother had iſſue John Baſſet, who died in 12. H. 6. leavinge iſſue Robert Baſſet, who died in 4. H. 7. leavinge iſſue Giles Baſſet who died in 35. H. 8. leavinge iſſue Robert Baſſet who died in 16. Eliz. and left iſſue Wiłłm Baſſet, who by Jone his wife daughter and coheire of John Aſhe of Tykenham, had iſſue Edward Baſſet, and died in 38. Eliz. Which Edward Baſſet by Iſable his wife daughter of Henry Ligon, had iſſue Wiłłm Baſſet, and died in 44. Eliz. which Wiłłm ſonne of Edward died in Jacobi R^ℓ^, leavinge iſſue Wiłłm Baſſet that nowe is, a^o^ 1639. who in Decembr̄ 1632. for theis lands in Vleigh paid to George lord Berkele a Releeſe of —25^s^ accordinge to the firſt reſervac̄on of the tenure by the 4th part of a knights fee; Howbeit, that ſome parts of theis lands by ſeverall exchanges and ſales are nowe the inheritances of theis that followe, vizt

1. Richard Browninge of Durſley by deed dated 20 Aprił. 8. Jac̄. R^ℓ^ p^r^chaſed in fee of William Baſſet, ſonne of Edward, ſonne of William, one cloſe called Spratts

Spratts containinge 4. acres, next the comon river on the South ſide : and one cloſe in weſt feild containinge 2. acres, ſhootinge on the ſaid cloſe called Spratts on the Southend, in Ewley.

2. Giles Dancey ſonne of Thomas, by Deed dated 4. Junij 8, Jac. Rꝗ, purchaſed in fee to himſelfe and the ſaid Thomas his father, and to the heires of him the | ſaid Giles, one cottage or tenem: called Tetpens containinge halfe an acre, in 189
Owlpen or Bagpath or one of them. One cloſe called Cowleazes cont. 4. acres, Overmead, cont. 4. acres., 14 acres of arrable land in the Downefeild and other places there. One cloſe called Tetpens cont 3. acres next the ſaid Cowleazes. And alſo one other cloſe called Tetpens cont alſo 3. acres, at the lower end of the former.

Of this moity and land ſomwhat more may bee found in theis Records, viz,
Rot. finiū in arce Lond. 4. E. 2. membr. 8. wherby Ifable Punchardun one of the ſiſters and heires of Edmund Baffett, Nicholus Valers and Margaret his wife another ſiſter and heire, and Katherine Biſet the third ſiſter and heire, did their fealties for their purparts of a meſſuage and carucate of land in Ewley, which the ſaid Edmond held of the heire of William Berkeley of Durſley the kings ward, by the 16th part of a knights fee. Agreeable to the Inquiſicon. 4. E. 2.
Inq : 4. H. 7. p: mortem Robti Baffet.
Inq : 24. H. 7. p: mortē p̄dci Robti vpon a Quæ plura.—per ferv : mit :
Inq : 35. H. 8. p: mortem Egidij Baffet.—per ferviciū militare.
Inq : 16. Eliz. p̄t mortē Robti Baffett.—p fervic mit.
Comp̄us libertat de Wotton. 12. H. 6, et de manerio de Wotton 14. H. 6. —per fervic mil : et in warda Dño.
Originat 4. E. 2. Rot 32. cum Rem thefaur in Sccio.
Liber Relevioz loco p̄dco, in Term Trin 6. et 7. E. 2.
Court Roll of Wotton 17. Aprit : 16. H. 6. very full.—per fervic mit.
A Deed in 1. E. 4. and divers other excellent evidences to proove both the tenure of this land and the diſcents, are in the cuſtody of the nowe William Baffet, which his father ſhewed mee in a° 1606.—per fervic militare.

John Trye of Inwoods receiveth (wch he in 7° Caroli purchaſed with certaine grounds called Inwoods of Willm Trye of Hardwicke his elder brothers ſonne,) a rent charge of—40s per Ann, iſſuinge out of theis lands or part thereof, created. |

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190 The other manor in this parish of Ewley was from the ancient buildinge of the Capitall messuage or manor house, called White Court; And had two parkes stored with deere belonginge vnto it, called the great parke and little parke, And was the other moity or halfe of the entire manor, which the said Thomas lord Berkeley reserved to himselfe when hee made the former guift in taile, to his daughter Margaret as aforesaid; And is holden of George lord Berkeley as of his Castle of Berkeley by halfe a knights fee, and suite to his hundred court of Berkeley from three weekes to three weekes: And vnder the severall alienations of Sir Richard Berkeley in 8°. Eliz. is nowe the freehold of almost 40. men.

This moity also or manor called White Court came with the other to the said Lord Robert the sonne of Hardinge by the foresaid grant of kinge H. 2. who had issue Maurice, father of Robert who died in 4. H. 3. without issue, leavinge Thomas his brother and heire, who I suppose aliened this moity also, because, in the inquest of office found after his death in 28. H. 3. of all the lands hee had at the time of his death, it is not mentioned; nor after the death of Maurice his sonne and heire, who died in 8. E. 1. nor of any of their heires; But what yeare, by whom, or to whom, I have not certainly found, or further then the Deeds or Records heereafter followinge doe declare; but thinke it was by the said Thomas in the time of kinge Henry the third.

A booke of knights fees with the Remembrancer to the lord Tresr in the Exchequer in the time of kinge E. 1. compiled of divers Inquisicons taken by Richard de Rowell and others, saith; Robart de Brampton and Willm de Bett hold severally of Thomas lord Berkeley two halfe knights fees in Ewley.

A Deed without date, which I have read, with Richard Berkeley of Rancombe late of Stoke Gifford, shewes that Walter Brampton, whose wife Jone held Vley manor in dower, didd Covenant with Bryan Brampton not to alien the said Manor to any other then to him.

By an Inquisicon in 5. E. 2. after the death of Walter de Glouc, it is found that hee and Hawisia his wife were seized in fee simple of the manor of Ewley holden of Thomas lord Berkeley, but by what service the Jury knowe not, And that Walter was his sonne and heire 17. yeares old.

And Rot. Claus. in 5. E. 2. membr. 23. in arce London, shewes, that the said Hawisia the widowe of Walter de Glouc had assigned for her dower (inter alia) the moity

moity of all his lands and tenements in Iweley in the county of Glouč, valued at—7li. 15s. 9d. p Anñ.

And the Rot. pateñ 5. E. 2. pars. 1. membr. 4. in arce London, ſhewes that the kinge owed Gilbert de Clare Earle of Glouč—3500. m̃ks, for his expenſes in the warre againſt Scotland, And nowe for payment therof aſſignes to him divers wardſhips as they fall: And (amongſt others) | aſſignes him the cuſtody of the 191
body lands and maryage of Walter ſonne and heire of Walter de Glouč, who held the moity of divers lands and tenements in Iweleigh, extended at—77s. 10d. p anñ.

By Rot. pateñ, 7. E. 2. pars. 2. The ſaid Hawiſia was remaried to Walter de Bello campo, who held in her right theis lands and teñts in Iweleigh. Rot. pateñ 15. E. 2. ps. 1. in dorſo.

And Rot. pateñ, 9. E. 2. ps. . dorſo. Alienor the widowe of Mathewe the ſonne of John, arraignes an aſſiſe againſt Walter de Bello campo and Hawiſia his wife for divers lands and teñts in Vleighe.

By a booke of tenures compoſed by divers Inquiſiĉons in the time of kinge E. 1. in the office of the Remembrancer to the lord Treſr in the Exchequer, Thomas de Berkeley tenet de rege in Capite, Berkeley, Hame, Alkington, Arlingham, Cowley, Slimbridge, Came, Ewley, Kingſton, Wotton, Cromhall, Aſhelworth, Almondeſbury, et Horefeild, per ſerviciū trium militum.

And in the ſame booke, Robtus de Brampton tenet dimidium feodum in Iveley; Wittus de Bett, dimid̃ feodum ib̃m:

In Rot. Clauš. A°. 6. E. 3. in dorſo, is a Deed inrolled dated 26. m̃cij a°. p̃d̃, wherby Hawiſia late the wife of Walter de Glouč releaſed to the Abbot of Eveſham, All rents actions and demaunds ſavinge her right and clayme to the manor of Iweleigh in the county of Glouč, The Abbot prayinge for the ſoules of the ſaid Walter and of Walter his ſonne.

And the ſame 6. E. 3. John the ſonne of Walter de Glouč arraigned an aſſiſe againſt John Inge for divers lands and teñts in Iweleigh. Rot. pateñ. 6. E. 3. dorſo.

By an Inq: vpon a Writ of Ad quod damnum in 16. E. 2. it is found, That Hawiſia ſomtime the wife of Walter de Glouč did give to the Abbot of Eveſham divers lands in the counties of Glouč and Worceſter: And that over and beſides the

the ſaid guift, ſhee had remaininge to her ſelfe the manor of yweley in the ſaid county of Glouc̃, holden of the lord of the caſtle of Berkeley, but by what ſervices the Jury knowe not.

By another Inq: vpon the like writ of Ad quod damnum in 17. E. 2. in the county of Surrey, it is found that the ſaid Hawiſia ſomtime the wife of Walter de Glouc̃ gave lands in Surrey to the Abbot of Certeſey in the ſaid county, and that beſides the lands ſoe given ſhee ſtill had remaininge to her the manor of Vweley in the county of Glouc̃, holden of the lord Berkeley by halfe a knights fee, And were worth by the yeare—40li.

Thus ſtood this moity or halfe of Vley when the ſaid Hawiſia about the end of kinge E. 2. dyed; Howe the revertion in fee moved or came from the heire of the ſaid Walter de Glouc̃, by diſcent or purchaſe, to Margery, maried about 8. E. 3.
192 to Maurice Berkeley | Bannerett, then of Stoke Gifford, ſecond ſonne to that Maurice lord Berkeley the third of that name, who dyed in the laſt of that kinge priſoner in the caſtle of Wallingford, I have not found: but wife to the ſaid Maurice Berkeley bannerett ſhee was in 8. E. 3. as the patent roll of that yeare ps. 2. membr. 38. ſheweth: wherof hee died ſeiſed in fee the 12th of ffebruary in 21. E. 3. holden (ſaith the Inq: found the ſame yeare after his death,) of Thomas lord Berkeley by knight ſervice: whom the ſaid Margery his wife ſurviveth, and dieth about 3. yeares after in 25. E. 3. leavinge this manor to bee inherited by Thomas lord Berkeley, ſonne and heire of the ſaid Maurice and Margery, then about 16. years old, as by Rot. clauſ. 25. E. 3. membr. 21. And by Rot. finiū. 25. E. 3. membr. 22. in the Tower of London appeares.

The ſaid Thomas Berkeley was vſually written of Vley, and by Katherine his wife one of the ſiſters and coheires of John Bottetort had iſſue Maurice Berkeley, and died in 35. E. 3, As by the Inq: found after his death that yeare, and by Rot. clauſ. 35. E. 3. mem: 2. 3. 7. And by Rot. finiū. 35. E. 3. mem: 4. et 5. appeares, ſeiſed of this manor of Vle, holden of Maurice lord Berkeley by knight ſervice, leavinge the ſaid Maurice his ſonne and heire then 3. yeares old: whom the ſaid Katherine his wife ſurvived, after remaried to Sir John de Thorpe; which Katherine died in 11. R. 2. As by Inq: in 11. R. 2. found after her death; And by Rot. finiū. 11. R. 2. mem: 12. And 12. R. 2. membr. 19. and 37. E. 3. mem: 8. appeares.

The ſaid Maurice Berkeley, was alſo written of Vley, and died in 2. H. 4. leavinge Johane his wife groſſem: enſeint, who is ſhortly after delivered of a ſonne called

called Maurice, whom, for diſtinction ſake, I will call Poſthumus Maurice; which Jone dyed in 13. H. 4. As by two Inquiſicons in 9. et 10. H. 5. after her death, appeares.

The ſaid poſthumus Maurice Berkeley by Ellen his wife had iſſue William, and dies in 4. E. 4. ſeized of this manor of Vley holden of William Lord Berkeley in Capite, as by Inq: after his death appeares, whom the ſaid Ellen ſurvives.

The ſaid William Berkeley ſonne of Poſthumus Maurice, maried Anne, and was attainted of Treaſon in 1. H. 7. then ſeized of this Manor of Ewley, touchinge whom A record in the Exchequer in the office of the Remembrancer to the lord Treaſorer in Michas terme 27. Eliz. Rot. 108. pleaded by the purchaſers of that manor of Sir Richard Berkeley, in diſcharge of a tenure by knight ſervice in Capite of the Queene, preſſed againſt them, vz, Thomas Dorney, Chriſtopher Dorney, Thomas Payne, Rich: Payne, Thomas Pegler, Giles ffrench, Giles Browninge, Chriſtopher Sparke, Chriſtopher Dancey, John Dauncey, John Parflowe, Thomas Jocham, and John Hill, ſhall thus informe; That the ſaid William Berkeley beinge ſeized in fee of this manor of Vley, was in 1. H. 7. | attainted of treaſon, and after 193
by an other act of parliam[t] in 11. H. 7. that act of 1. H. 7. was made void, except for the Lres patents and grant made by the kinge of this and other manors, to his vnckle Jeſper Earle of Pembroke, after Duke of Bedford, and the heires males of his body: And that after the ſaid Dukes death without iſſue male, the kinge ſhould have the ſaid lands for his life, And that a former grant made by the kinge in the 4th yeare of his raigne to the ſaid William Berkeley of certaine of his lands for his maintenance, ſhould bee void; That the ſaid Duke dyed ſhortly after without iſſue male of his body, And that the ſaid William alſo dyed in 16. H. 7. And that Richard Berkeley was his ſonne and heire, whom that kinge by his Lres patents the ſame yeare reſtored to this and all other his manors and lands, To hold as before and of old hee held them; which for this Manor (faith this record) was of the lord Berkeley by knight ſervice, As by an Inq: in 21. E. 3. found after the death of Maurice Berkeley Banneret, appeareth: And that the ſaid Richard Berkeley died in 5. H. 8, And John was his ſonne and heire who died 37. H. 8. leavinge iſſue Richard Berkeley his ſonne and heire, Who all held this manor of the lord Berkeley by knight ſervice as is aforeſaid: And that the ſaid Richard afterwards, by good aſſurance in the lawe, conveyed this manor to the vſe of them and their ſeverall heires. Vpon which plea a confeſſion of the Atturney generall and Judgement of the Court is had, and they diſmiſſed.

Which

Which conveyance of the ſaid Richard Berkeley (needfull to bee knowne) is to this effect; That by his ſeverall Deeds indented dated in or about the firſt of Aprill a°. 8°. Eliz. hee granted to each of the ſaid purchaſors all their lands in perticuler, boundinge each parcell; And to each of them ſuch comon as they were to enioy, And to each in comon by vndivided parts part of the ſtreets lanes highwaies and waſt grounds; And to each of them part of the cheife rents and ſervices which ſix or more freeholders paid for lands they held of this manor lyinge in Vley, Bagpath, and Oldpen; Togeather with all ſuch liberties and franchiſes as himſelfe had in thoſe townſhips or places: And in his ſaid Conveyances reſerved the ſome of fforty pounds payable yearely to him and his heires from the ſaid purchaſers, which was ſomwhat more then before hee received for the rent of his wholl manor: wherin alſo proviſion is made for a Reeve or officer to gather vp and pay to him the ſaid —40li. which—40li. his grandchilde Richard Berkeley that nowe is after ſold to John Purnell of Woodmancote, who havinge ſold—15s. p ann̄ therof to Thomas Dancey a freeholder there, left the reſidue to William Purnell his yonger ſonne, who of late hath ſold it to Thomas Daunt of Oldpen aforeſaid, a village adioyninge, and to his heires.

ffrom which 13. originall purchaſers this manor ſoe ſold by Sir Richard Berkeley is nowe the inheritance of theis—

Thomas Dorney the yonger, ſonne of John Dorney, who died— |

194 Thomas Dorney th'elder ſonne of Richard holds, which by Deed dated 30°. Auguſti. 11. Jacobi hee purchaſed of John Webb als Wilkens and of Martha his wife, One meſſuage in Vley with a cloſe of paſture called Bradley containinge one acre, and 3. acres of arrable land in Nether feild, Weſt feild and Hidefeild, each one acre; which Thomas Payne father of the ſaid Martha, by his will dated 12. Aprił 4. Jac̄. p̄d, bequeathed to her in fee, reſervinge a rent charge of 5s. p ann̄ out of the ſame.

Michaell Payne ſonne of

John Manninge

Thomas Dorney ſonne of Michaell holdeth a meſſuage and halfe a yard land, containinge about 40. acres, for which hee was in ward to George lord Berkeley, who

who by his Deed dated 3. mcij 20. Jacobi, granted his wardſhip to Thomas Pointz then huſband to the ſiſter of the wards mother, as by the Deed thereof appeareth; which Michaell Dorney was the fourth ſonne of Thomas Dorney the elder by his ſecond wife, and had the ſame by conveyance from his ſaid father, And hee from his brother Chriſtopher Dorney, who was one of the purchaſers of Sr Richard Berkeley as aforeſaid fol: 192.

John Parſloe ſonne of

Willm Smyth

Willm Dancey

Richard Dancey

Anthony Hill, ſonne of 195

Thomas Peglar ſonne of Thomas Peglar the purchaſer mentioned in the foreſaid exchequer Record before in fol: 192. 193. to have byn one of the purchaſers of Sir Richard Berkeley, And who died in 14. Rℓ Jacobi, holdeth three meſſuages and 100. acres of land in Vley.

John Wood

Thomas ffrench, ſonne of Thomas, who died in 6. Jac̃. Rℓ, holdeth about 62. acres of land, which Gyles his father purchaſed of Sir Richard Berkeley as aforeſaid fol: 192. mentioned in the Exchequer pleadings there expreſſed.

William Payne

Richard Whittard, by deed dated 2º Decembr̃. 39. Eliz. purchaſed of Thomas Dangerfeild a meadowe ground called Roxford, 4. acres of arrable called Lay knap; 3. acres and an halfe of wood called the Ley wood, with a houſe and garden in Vley; To hold for 1000 yeares vnder the yearly rent of—12d

Thomas

Thomas Points

John Browninge, ſonne of John Browninge of Cowley who dyed in 4.to Caroli, ſonne of Richard, holdeth 4. acres of meadowe in whitney and a meadowe in Cowley called Moore mead containinge 4. acres, parcell of the manor or capitall meſſuage called Whitecourt in Vley, of the caſtle of Berkeley by knight ſervice: Soe found by Inquiſicõn in a.o 4.to Regis Caroli ꝑd.

John Purnell |

196 Richard Browninge

William Baſſet Eſq.

Thomas Daunt genr̃

John Pegler of ffroceſter.

Henry Dancey th'elder.

William Harper

Walter Woodward

Iſaac Smyth |

197 Name. The name of this towne ſeemes not vnprobably to bee compounded, (as divers other in this hundred are,) of Ewe, which in french is water, and lei or lega w.ch in the Saxon tongue is water or place; ffor ſweeter ſprings and a ſweeter ſtreame both riſinge and runninḡ through the wholl towne is rarely to bee found.

In

In the promontary of a ſteep hill or mount at the vtter edge thereof in this pariſh is an ancient fortreſſe or campe, doubly trenched, very large, which as tradition heere goeth (true or falſe I knowe not,) was caſt vp by Earle Goodwyn as hee marched from Beverſtan with his army towards Glouč, where kinge Edward called the Confeſſor then abode with a like Army; betweene whom at that time battell was feared, but compoſed by the mediation of the great Lords and prelates then adheringe to either party. Campe.

It hath byn often credibly affirmed to mee by divers credible men, That heere was digged vp or found a mans tooth three inches ſquare, which vntill within 40. yeares laſt was kept by the family of the Baſſetts in the parlor windowe of their manſion houſe heere, as a wonder of mankinde; which my incredulity is as vnapt to beleive as the Legend of Lyes. Great tooth.

Of the Rectory or Church the kinge is patron, which came to the Crowne by the ſuppreſſion of the Monaſtery of St Peter in Glouč, in 31. H. 8. James Dalton is Incumbent; valued in the office of the firſt fruits at 12^li.^ p anñ. Church.

In the comon pleas at Weſtm̃ in Triñ terme 6. H. 3. Rot. 1. in dorſo rotuli, is entred an aſſiſe brought by Peter of Euleigh againſt the Abbot of Glouč for the advowſon of this church of Ewleigh, wherin the ſaid Peter de Ewleigh makes his clayme as heire to his father, who laſt preſented: The Abbot makes his title from the grant of kinge Henry the Second to his priory of Stanley, who had only a pention of a marke out of it. Peter replies That kinge Henry the ſecond had not any thinge in the church, nor in the land where the church is: Soe reſteth the Record.

The payment of the ffifteene or kingſilver when it is granted by pliam^t^, goeth with Woodmancote vnder one and the ſame ſom̃e. The onus or charge of both townſhips togeather, is—3^li.^ 14^s^ 7^d^ The deduction is 10^s^ 8^d^ The Remanet paid into the Exchequer for both, is—3^li.^ 3^s^ 11^d^ ffifteene.

In the laſt Subſedy in 5to Caroli were in this pariſh of Ewley 15 ſubſedy men who then paid—4^li.^ 16^s^ Subſedy.

Of able men for the warres betweene 20. and 60. yeares old, in 6to Jacobi, which appeared before Henry lord Berkeley Lord Leiutenant of this county, were—56 Able men.

Of

Souldiers. Of trayned Souldiers vnder Edw: Stephens Esq̃ their captaine are , wherof musketteers, and pikes.

Rates. And if the Division of Berkeley accompted a fourth part of the shire bee rated in any tax for kinge or com̄onwealth at—100li. then this hundred of Berkeley paies thereof 33li. 3s. And this towne of Ewley—20s. And soe after that rate, bee the taxe more or lesse. |

198 Freeholds within this parish of Ewley, not formerly mentioned; vizt,

Dancies land. The noble family of the Berkeleis of Duresley had faire lands both in demesne and in service in this parish of Ewley, anciently in time of the Conqueror and longe after holden of them, As before in the description of Came and Duresley fol: 123. 175. hath appeared: The greatest part wherof came to Edmond Bassett, whose office after his death in 4. E. 2. shewes his dyinge seised (inter alia) of a Messuage and a carucate of land in Ewley, holden of the heire of William Berkeley of Duresley by the sixteenth part of a knights fee: And that Isable Punchardoun, Margaret the wife of Nicholas de Valers, and Katherine Biset, are his sisters and heires: With which office agreeth the record of Originał a°. 4. E. 2. Rot. 32. in scc̃io cum Rem̃ thesaur̃: and also the booke of Releeses inter fines Term̃ Trin̄. 6. E. 2. And the same booke in a°. 7. E. 2. in the said Office in the Exchequer.

Part of this land is nowe the inheritance of William Dancey of Ewley, sonne of Thomas, sonne of John, sonne of Giles Dancey, whose ancestor maried the daughter and heire of Arras, who was heire to Attekins, who purchased them of the said Isable Punchardoun, as the deeds in the custody of the said Willm Dancey which I have read doe shewe. Another part of this land which fell to Margaret the wife of Nicholas de Valers, in Came and Cowley, was in her widowhood sold to Thomas lord Berkeley the third of that name in 11. 13. et 14. E. 2. as the deeds of the purchase thereof in Berkeley castle doe shewe; As also doth the Accompt of the Manor of Came then made by the Reeve therof, at that time. And the third part which fell to Katherine Biset in this parish of Ewley, is nowe the inheritance of

See fol. 231.

Stoutshill place now Giles Austens. Also in this parish of Ewley is one other ancient ffreehold called Stowteshill als Stouteshill place, with about 46. acres of land therto belonginge; A name taken from the family of the Stuts, or Stouthills, ancient owners therof; Of whom Adam Stut

Stut is mentioned in the fecond deed made by Thomas lord Berkeley to Margaret his daughter, wherin (inter alia) hee granted to her the fervices of the faid Adam; In which name it continued till towards the end of kinge Henry the fixth; The next I finde owner of this land was John Davis of Durfley, whofe office is after his death in 27 H. 8. who entayled the fame vpon his daughter Anne maried to Edward Baffett, who had iffue John Baffet, who fold the fame to Willm Auguftine als Auften, father of Benedict als Bennet, who died in 37. Eliz. father of Giles Auften that nowe is, holden by him, as himfelfe faith, of George lord Berkeley as of his | Manor of Came, by the yearly rent of—4d paid to his Reeve of that manor, 199
and by fute to his hundred court of Berkeley from three weekes to three weekes, but whether in Socage or by knights fervice, I knowe not. Of this land fee a fine levied in Hillary terme 18. R. 2. by John Stoutefhill.

Selwins land als Twifells.

Heere alfo is another ancient ffreehold the inheritance of Willm Selewin fonne of Jefper Selewine Efq, now in the occupacon of James ffourds als Harper, fonne of John, fonne of Willm, fonne of James ffourds als Harper, ancient leffees therof; fomtime the land of Edward Twifell, who by his will devifed this land to Jone his daughter in fee, maried to Atkinfon, As an office found after her death in 1o Eliz. fheweth; wherby the tenure is faid to bee of Mr. Willm Baffetts manor in Socage: Howbeit, hee doth fute for this land to the Court of the lord Berkeleys hundred of Berkeley from 3. weekes to 3. weekes, And by payment of—1d cheife rent to his reeve of his manor of Came: And payeth alfo as a rent fecke to the faid William Baffett: ffor which fee an Inq: in Caroli, found after the death of the faid Jefper Selewine.[1]

Co: roll of Came, 43. Eliz. Willm Selwyn de Stanley died feifed of a meffuage and divers lands in Vley late Twyffells[2]: Rent—1d Rich: Selwin is fonne and heire, but the lands come by conveyance to Jefper a younger fonne of the faid Willm Selwin.

Dornies land.

Also in this parifh are two meffuages called nether houfe and Whitings, with divers lands to them belonginge, now the inheritance of Thomas Dorney thelder, fonne

[1] Jafper Selwyn, of Matfon, died 1634, and was buried there. Will proved at Gloucefter.

[2] William Selwyn, of Stanley St Leonards, mar. Elizabeth, daughter of John Twyfell, of Kingftanley, (fon of John and grandfon of Hugh Twyfell?) and had iffue Richard, father of another William Selwyn, father of Jafper above mentioned.—See Pedigree of Selwyn, Trans: Briftol and Gloucefterfhire Archæol. Society, Vol. II., pp. 278, 280. [Ed.]

ſonne of Richard; holden of the kinge by knight ſervice in Capite, which by the diſſoluc̃on of the monaſtery of Brodſtocke in the County of Wilts̃, came to kinge H. 8. And by aliened to

About which, through the difficulty of diſtinguiſhinge them from other freehold lands holden of the caſtle of Berkeley by knights ſervice, ſutes in lawe longe continued betweene the Dornies brothers of the halfe bloud, till 5to Jacobi, when by my mediation they were ended. And theis lands were given to that monaſtery by Thomas lord Berkeley the firſt of that name, as in the hiſtory of his life I have elſwhere written; ffor which alſo ſee Rot. cartaꝝ. 16. H. 3. membr. 6. And alſo for theis lands ſee an Inq: 20. Eliz. after the death of Thomas Dorney th'elder; And Mich̃as ffines, 26. Eliz: Rot. 52. in ſcac̃io, pro Relevio p̃dc̃i Thome Dorny.

Ellonds land nowe Brownings.

Also in this pariſh is one other ancient freehold, the inheritance of Richard Browninge of Durſley, purchaſed by him of John Browninge of Cowley, elder brother of the ſaid Richard, ſonnes of Richard Browninge, who purchaſed the ſame of Ellond, holden of the manor of Ewley in ſoccage by the yearly rent of—10s |

200 Somwhat more touchinge the manor of Ewley and the lands therin, not formerly mentioned, is to bee read in theis Records, vizt,

Inq: 5. H. 8. pt mortē Ric̃i de Berkeley.
Inq: 37. H. 8. pt mortē Joh̃is de Berkeley.
Mich̃as Rec̃. 22. E. 3. Rot. 23. in Sc̃io.
Inq: 2. H. 4. pt mortem Mauricij de Berkeley.
Paſch̃: rec̃. 14. E. 4. Rot. 5. in Sc̃io.
Originat. 16. H. 7. Rot. 48. c̃m Rem̃ theſaur̃ in ſc̃io.
Recordt. 23. H. 7. Rot. 17. in ſc̃io ib̃m.
Mich̃as rec̃. 8. H. 8. Rot. 40. ib̃m.
Originat, 22. H. 8. Rot. 39. ib̃m.
Original, 6. E. 6. Rot. 44. ib̃m.
Inq: 2. Jacobi, pt mortē Joh̃is Dorny.
Inq: 3. Jac̃. pt mortē p̃dc̃i Joh̃is Dorny ſup Melius inquirendt.
Inq: 4. Regis Caroli p̃t mortē Joh̃is Browninge.—per ſervic̃ militare.
Diverſi fines in banco, in Term̃i Mich̃is. 9. et. 10. Eliz. |

Filton

Filton. 201

ffilton, als ffilton et hay : written alſo ffelton : A townſhip not mentioned in the booke of Domeſdei, but went vnder the name of Horfeld, wherof ſee fol : 233.

In this village are ſix meſſuages, parcell at this day of the poſſeſſions of the Biſhoppricke of Briſtoll erected in 34. H. 8, whereof read before in Cromhale, and were parcell of the lands belonginge to the Monaſtery of St Auguſtine by Briſtoll where the Biſhops ſeate is ; And were (amongſt other lands) given by Robert the ſonne of Harding when in the time of kinge Stephen hee founded that monaſtery, as formerly, in Almondſbury Cromhale and other places hath byn written. But in what pariſh theis 6 meſſuages doe lye, queſtion of late yeares hath byn moved amongſt the inhabitants themſelves, which I determine not.

The Biſhop beinge Lord alſo of Horfeild, adioyninge, draweth theſe ſix houſholds to his Leet or Lawday of Horfeild, who are reputed a little manor of themſelves.

The other part of this village is at this day the inheritance of Wiſſm Baldwine of London, draper : whoſe father Wiſſm Baldwyn was by Inq : in 19° Jacobi, found to dye ſeiſed of the manor of ffilton, holden of the kinge by knight ſervice, but not in Capite, And the ſaid Wiſſm to bee his ſonne and heire.

This little manor conſiſteth of 8 houſholds, who are within the great Leet or Lawday of the hundred of Berkeley, wherat at Berkeley they appeare twice in the yeare and preſent all thoſe things which to a Leet appertaineth ; wherin the com̄on pound ſtandeth, and wherto the waſt grounds doe belonge ; And the orders and Bilawes and preſentments of theis 8. or of this little manor, rule and order the other ſix, who are bound by what theis doe, as all the 45. yeares of my beinge Steward hath byn accuſtomed ; And appeare therat by the name of the Tithingman and Tithinge of ffilton and Hay ; As for that part called Hay only one houſe is nowe ſtandinge theron, (the reſt decayed,) the inheritance of Mallet Eſq^r^ of in Somſetſhire.

The ſaid Wiſſm Baldwyne the father of Wiſſm, purchaſed this manor of John Younge, and hee of Richard Revill ſonne of Revill.

The

Church. The Chaple of ffilton is within the Deanry of Briſtoll, and the mother church therto is— ; But of this fee more in Horfeild fol : 233.

ffifteene. The paym^t of the ffifteene or Kingſilver when it is granted by parliam^t goeth with Horfeild, in one ſom̄e, which is—3^li 10^s 6^d q^r. paid into the Exchequer by the Collector thereof.

Subſedy In the laſt Subſedy in 5to Caroli were in this wholl village 11. ſubſedy men, who paid the kinge—3^li 4^s

Able men. Of able men for the warres betweene 20. and 60. yeares old, were in a^o 6. R^e Jacobi, which then appeared at a generall muſter before the lord Leiuten^t of this county,—18.

Souldiers. Of trayned ſouldiers vnder Thomas Cheſter Eſq^r their captaine now are

Rates. And if the wholl Diviſion of Berkeley, accompted a 4th part of the Sheire bee rated in any tax for kinge or com̄on wealth at 100^li. Then this hundred of Berkeley paies thereof—33^li 3^s. And this townſhip of ffilton—15^s

Take the reſt that concerneth this village, as I have obſerved the Records mentioninge it. |

202 By patent roll in the Tower of London, 27. E. 1. in dorſo, Elias de ffilton arraigned an aſſiſe againſt the Abbot of St Auguſtine neere Briſtoll, for com̄on of paſture there ; And by the ſame roll ſeemes to bee either Lord or a freeholder in Horfeild.

By Inq : in 4. R. 2. after the death of Edmund Blunt, it is found That hee held the day that hee died ioyntly with Margaret his wife, who furvived, the moity of the manor of ffilton (inter alia) by the guift of Thomas fitz-Nicholl and Margery his wife, holden of Reginald de Cobham in right of Alienor his wife, by knight ſervice, And that Wm Blunt is his ſonne and heire.

By Rot. clauſ. in the tower in 7. R. 2. mem : 22. vpon a Non intromittendo to the kings eſcheator, it is recited, That wheras Edmund Blunt deceaſed held ioyntly with Margaret his wife the moity of the manor of ffilton, by the guift of Sir Thomas

Thomas fitz nichol and of Margery his wife, which is not holden of the kinge, Therfore the faid Efcheator fhould deliver the faid moity (inter alia) to the faid Margarett.

By Inq : the fame 7. R. 2. vpon a writ of Ad quod damnum, it was found, That befides other manors entailed by Sir Thomas fitz nichol there remained to him the moity of the manors of ffilton and Harry ftoke, holden of Reginald Cobham by knight fervice, as in right of Alienor his wife.

In Berkeley caftle is a Court roll A°. 11. H. 4. which fhewes that Elias de ffilton, fonne of Ralph de ffilton, was then lord therof.

Inq : 6. H. 5. after the death of Sir Thomas fitz nichol, fhewes that hee held the manors of ffilton and Stokehenry of the lord of Berkeley, but by what fervice the Jury knew not : And that Katherine the wife of Robert Pointz, and John fonne of John Browninge and of Alienor his wife, are afwell heires to the faid Sir Thomas as to Margery his wife, vz, the faid Katherine and Margery, daughters and co-heires to them both.

Inq : 8. H. 5. after the death of John fonne and heire of John Browninḡ findes that hee dyed feifed of the manors of ffilton and Harry Stoke holden of the lord Berkeley, but by what fervice the Jury knew not, And that Wiłłm was his brother and heire, 20. yeares old.

Inq : 32. H. 6. findes, That Willelma fomtime the wife of John Blunt held for her life the manor of ffilton, (inter alia) of the heire of Alienor Scryvet deceafed, but by what fervice the Jury knewe not : And that Edmund Blunt was her fonne and heire.

See alfo the record of Michas terme, 20. H. 6. Rot. 41. in fčio, čm Remem̃ Thefauř. |

Gosington. 203

Gosington als Gossinton : In Domefdei booke written Gofintune, wherin William called the Conqueror had 4. hides of land in demefne, lyinge within the parifh of Slimbridge, the inheritance of George lord Berkeley and efteemed as parcell of his Barony of Berkeley, holden of the Crowne by knight fervice in capite.

This

This hamblet or village of Gofington is at this day reputed parcell of the manor of Slimbridge, but of old was not foe: ffor this of Gofington was part of the great manor of Berkeley, as the booke of Domefday apparantly fheweth; And then was the land of William the Conqueror, And before him of kinge Edward called the Confeffor, and of kinge Harold, and before them of the Abbeffe and Nunnes of Berkeley: And that of Slimbridge was the land of the family of the Berkeleis of Durfley from longe before the Conqueft, vntill the agreement made at Briftoll in the time of kinge Stephen betweene Roger Berkeley of Durfley and Robert the fonne of Harding, and the double mariage of their children that followed therevpon, wherby this of Slimbridge was granted in fee to Maurice fonne and heire of the faid Robert, and to Alice his wife, daughter of the faid Roger Berkeley of Durfley, wherof fee before in Durfley, fol: 175. And in Slimbridge, fol: 325. But this of Gofington and that of Slimbridge havinge almoft ever fince gone togeather, this hath byn and is reputed parcell of that other, And was of larger extent then nowe by moft it is reputed to bee; which Agreement fee after verbatim, in Slimbridge. fol. 325 ꝑd.

ffrom which Robert the fonne of Hardinge, (who had this hamblet amongft many others by the grant of kinge H. 2. in the firft of his raigne,) and dyed in the 17th of the fame kinge, this hamblet difcended to the faid Maurice his fonne and heire, who by the confent of Robert his fonne and heire, as the deed fpeaketh, towards the end of the faid kings raigne, gave the fame by the name of the moity of all his land of Goffington to Willm his 4th fonne and his heires, To hold by the 4th part of a knights fee. And afterwards by a fine levied in 7. R. 1. had from the faid Robert his eldeft brother, the other moity of this Goffington, in exchange for his land in Portbury in the county of Somſet, wherby the faid William became feifed of this wholl hamblet or village; The deed wherof remaininge in the caftle of Berkeley, is in theis words;

Mauꝛ de Berkeł, omnibus hominibus fuis et amicis, fałtm. Sciatis quòd ego dedi et conceffi, et hâc meâ cartâ confirmavi, Willo filio meo pro fervicio fuo, medietatem totius terre mee de Gofinton, Tenendam et habendam fibi et heredibus fuis de me et heredibus meis in feodo et hereditate, cum omnibus ꝑtinentijs fuis, in pratis et pafturis, et omnibus alijs libertatibus et liberis confuetudinib⁹ ad terrā illā ꝑtinentib⁹, libere et quiete integre et honorificè per ferviciū quartæ ꝑtis vnius militis mihi et heredibus meis faciend; Et hoc feci confenfu et affenfu Roberti filij mei, et heredis mei; Et vt hæc mea donatio et conceffio firma fit et ftabilis, Eam ꝑfenti

fcripto

ſcripto et ſigillo meo confirmavi ; T. hijs, Witt Laud Ep̃o, Joħe Abbate Sc̃i Auguſtini, Galfr̃ Priore Lanthoñ, Witto Comite Sarreburr̃, Mag̃ro Maur̃, Mag̃ro Petro de Par̃, Reginald capellañ, Walter̃ Capellañ, Adam de Santm̃, Henric̃ Eia frib⁹ ſuis, Joħe de Cogan, Bernardo de Stañ, Ric̃o de Coħull, Witto de Morevitt, Maur̃ fit Nigelli.

The ſaid Maurice died in 1. R. 1. as by the great Roll in the pipe office 2. 3. et 4. R. 1. And by the confirmac̃on of R. 1. in the firſt of his raigne, made to Robert his ſonne and heire, appeareth. |

Which ſyne alſo betweene the ſaid Robert and Wittm his brother levyed in 204
a° 7° R. 1. is in theis words, Glouc̃ et Somerſet : Inter Wittm de Berkelai petentem, et Robertum de Berkelai tenentem, fr̃em ſuum, de ſeodo dimidij militis in Portberi, et de quartâ parte ſeodi vnius militis in Goſington, &c̃. ſc̃it, q̃d idem Wittus quietum clamavit tot̃m ius ſuum p̃ſato Roberto et heredibus ſuis, q̃d habuit in illa terra de Portberi, tali modo, quod ſi idem Robtus de Berkelai ſine herede deceſſerit de vxore ſibi diſponſata, rediet p̃dc̃a terra de Portberi prenõiato Witto et heredibus ſuis, ſi ſupervixerit ; Et pro hac, &c. idem Robertus de Berkelai reddidit eid Witto et heredibus ſuis medietatem de Goſington, quam Mauricius pater eorum tenuit in dominio (dominico) die quâ fuit vivus et mortuus, pro quartâ parte ſeodi vnius militis in Goſington, de quâ parte idem Wittus facit prenominato Roberto homagium Preterea convenit inter eos, q̃d ſi idem Wittus ſine herede de vxore ſibi diſponſata deceſſerit, ipſa terra de Goſington redijt prefato Roberto et heredibus ſuis imperpetuum. Which fine is the firſt that I have mett withall of any land in this hundred, And by miſtakinge is filed in the bundle of Comitat̃ Dorſett, in the Treaſury, in the Abby church at Weſtm̃.

And this fine ſeemes well explained by the great Roll in the pipe office in 9. R. 1. where this Wittm de Berkelai paid the kinge—4$^{li.}$ 18$^{s.}$ for this 4th part of this knights fee in Goſington.

This Wittm, who was a knight, had iſſue (as by ſome Deeds which I have ſeene, if not counterfeit, appeared,) Ida maried to John de Cave, who had iſſue Iſarda maried to Robert Brail, father of Robert, father of Iſable maried to Richard Stapleton, who had iſſue Helena maried to Roger de Goſington ; which thus farre of the ſaid Wittms diſcent, I ſuſpect ; But certaine it is which nowe followeth ; That the ſaid Roger de Goſington had iſſue Roger who died about 12. E. 2. leavinge

inge John his ſonne and heire within age, whoſe wardſhip for body and lands Thomas lord Berkeley the ſecond of that name by Deed in Berkeley caſtle in 14. E. 2. granted to Roger Archer, which grant alſo is proved by one other deed in 9. E. 3. in the ſaid caſtle of Berkeley vnder 2. ſeales, which ſaith That Goſington is within the manor of Came.

The ſaid John de Goſington died without iſſue, and Reginald was his brother and heire; who leaft iſſue Henry, father of Thomas Goſington, which Thomas and Jone his wife about 17. H. 6, aliened the ſame to James Venables and his heires; ffrom Venables the ſame came to fforiſter and his co-feoffees about 11. E. 4. And from fforiſter and his co-feoffees to John Tame of ffairford about 11. H. 7. And from Thomas Tame and Jone his wife by deed in 29. H. 8. to John Bridgman and Wiłłm his ſonne, And by a fine the yeare after levied in Michas terme 30. H. 8. by the ſaid Thomas Tame and Jone his wife, and Edmond Horne, and Elizabeth his wife to John Bridgman and Wiłłm his ſonne and their heires, by the name of the manor of Goſington and of divers lands in Goſington, Slimbridge, Arlingham, Came, Cowley, Hurſt, and Hame, in the county of Glouč; wherof fee more before in Arlingham, fol: 60. in Hedges land, late Bridgmans.

And the ſaid Wiłłm Bridgman ſonne of John, in 3. E. 6. ſold the ſame to ffrancis Codrington, By whoſe death in 4. et 5. Ph: & Mar̃ the ſame diſcended to Gyles Codrington his ſonne and heire, who dyinge in 23. Eliz. left it to ffrancis
205 Codrington his ſonne and heire, who dyed | the yeare after his father without iſſue male, wherby it came to Richard Codrington his brother and heire male, which Richard in 40. Eliz: ſold the ſame to Wiłłm Tracy and his heires; which Wiłłm Tracy in 43. Eliz. ſold the ſame to Godfrey Goldiſborrowe then biſhop of Glouč, with whom, for the better ſatisfaction of the ſaid Biſhop, the ſaid Richard Codrington ioyned in the aſſurance; The Biſhop died at Glouč the 26th of May in the ſecond yeare of the raigne of kinge James, leavinge John Goldiſborrowe his ſonne and heire, then 19. yeares and 5. monthes old; whoſe education and goverment the Biſhop by his will dated 24° Auguſti, 1°. Jacobi, (proved in the Arches at London,) comitted to Robert Hill, Clerke, then parſon of Tredington and after Archdeacon of this county, and to others, vntill his ſaid ſonne John ſhould attaine his age of 21. yeares; Againſt which Robert Hill who only medled in the education and with the eſtate of the ſaid John, Henry lord Berkeley in a°. 3°. Jacobi, brought his accon of Raviſhment del gard, And vpon a longe and well defended tryall at the Aſſiſes holden at Glouč the 22th of July A°. 3cio Jacobi, before Yelverton and Williams Judges,

Judges, recovered four hundred marks damages, wherat my felfe was prefent: Againft which triall in the terme followinge as much was faid by the def.s counfell in arreft of Judgement as lay in the power of Art or learninge, but prevailed not: which is entred in the Court of Comon pleas in Eafter terme a.o 3.cio Jacobi, Rot. 745. Shortly after, the faid Henry lord Berkeley brought another accon againft Willm Clutterbooke the Bifhops and Archdeacons leffee for years for the meane profitts of the land, and had Judgement to recover; And vpon a writt to enquire of damages the Jury gave—60li. As by the record therof in the kings bench in Hillary Terme 3.o Jacobi pd Rot. 171. appeareth: The writ alfo to enquire of damages is filed of Trinity terme followinge, A.o 4.to Jacobi. Soe that I hold my felfe fully warranted to fay that this manor land or farme of Gofington is holden of George lord Berkeley as of his manor of Berkeley by the 4.th part of a knights fee, fute to his hundred court of Berkeley from 3. weeks to 3. weekes, and by the yearly rent of—6.s 6.d though neither the fute of Court nor the faid rent bee mentioned in the originall Deed nor fine.

Afterwards in 15.o Jacobi, I purchafed this land of Gofington of the faid John Goldifborrowe and Rebecca his wife, wherin I vfed the name of Anthony Gulfton my halfe brother by the mothers fide; And in the 4. yeares next followinge, annis 15. 16. 17. et 18. Jacobi, I againe fold the fame by 11. feverall Deeds to foe many feverall purchafors of parts thereof, wherof the capitall meffuage or farme houfe called Gofington hall, was by mee fold to Lawrence Bridger, clerke, parfon of Slimbridge, with 60. acres of land adioyninge; And delivered therwith all the Evidences, which manifefted all or moft part of what is before written, from the faid Reginald de Gofington downwards; Who by his death in a.o 7.o Caroli, left the fame to Jofeph his eldeft fonne by a fecond wife, who ftill holds the fame, 1639. And in my conveyances apportioned the faid cheife rent of Six fhillings fix pence to each purchafor by a ratable part, now paid to the faid Lord Berkeleis Reeves of his manors of Hurft | and flimbridge, lyinge alfo within the faid parifh of Slimbridge. 206

The names of thofe who now doe fute to the faid hundred Court and pay the faid 6.s 6.d rent are—

1. The faid Jofeph Bridger, who by his fathers conveyance from mee dated 12.o Aprit. 17.o Jacobi is to pay 3.s to the faid manor of Hurft, and 6.d to the faid manor of Slimbridge: The perticulers of whofe pchafe, with divers cheife rents amountinge to 33.s 9.d, are expreffed in the deed of purchafe thereof.

2. Samuell

2. Samuell Bridger of Woodmancote in the parish of Durfley, eldeft fonne of the faid Lawrance by his firft wife, by his deed from mee dated 12º Maij aº 16º Jacobi, purchafed a clofe of pafture containinge 10. acres called Clinger ats Cleyhunger, lyinge in Came, And of the faid 6s 6d paieth—4d which his faid father afterwards gave to the faid Samuell.

3. Robert Davis of Hurft, fonne and heire of Thomas Davis to whom by deed dated 12. mcij, 15to Jacobi I fold my clofe called Reignolds mead conť. 7 acres, and 3. acres and an halfe of arrable land in Southworthy feild, and paies 4d of the faid cheife rent of 6s 6d.

4. Richard Spicer of London, Doctor of phificke, who purchafed of Edw: Trotman of the Inner Temple London Efq, and hee of mee by deed dated 30. Aprit aº 16. Jac. inrolled in Chancery, and after by my other deed dated 12º Maij, followinge, granted, releafed and confirmed to him and his truftees, one clofe called Olden conť. 8. acres, one parcell of arrable conť. 20. acres, and one clofe therto adioyninge called Newe leyes conť. 12. acr, and 4. pcells of pafture conť. 18. acres, then in the tenure of Richard Trotman for 3. lives, wheron hee after built an houfe, and paies 12d pcell of the faid—6s 6d cheife rent.

5. Edward Trotman of the Stepps in Came, to whom by deed dated 12. mcij 15º Jacobi I fold one clofe of pafture called Grovelands conť 8. acres, in the parifh of Slimbridge, And paies 3d of the faid cheife rent of 6s 6d, nowe in aº 1639. the inheritance of Nicholas Trotman his eldeft fonne by a fecond wife, As his office after his death in aº 14. Caroli fheweth; wherin the tenure by knight fervice and the other fervices are found. And more, one quarter of an acre of arrable in Cams lower feild, by my deed 2º Novembr: 11. Caroli.

6. William Tailor, to whom by Deed dated 12. mtij aº 15º Regis Jacobi I fold one clofe of pafture called the Old hay conť 1. acre, and 3. acres and an halfe in 3. places in the feild called Southworthy in Slimbridge, and payeth—2d pcell of the faid cheife rent of 6s 6d.

7. Robert ffrape, to whom by deed dated 12. mtij, 15º Jacobi, I fold 2. acres in the great more in Hurft, and one acre of pafture in a clofe of his next Hawthurne feild, and one acre of arrable in Linchfeild, and paies—1d pcell of the faid 6s 6d; whereof hee fince hath aliened to Anthony Williams the forefaid acre in ,

And

And alſo to John Taylor the foreſaid acre in [Linchfeild,] And alſo to Arthur Bridger, another ſonne of the ſaid Lawrence, the foreſaid two acres of meadowe in the great moore. |

8. Henry Staples, to whom by Deed dated 12°. Maij. 16°. Jacobi. I ſold 5. acres 207
of arrable land in the feild called Hinworthy in Slimbridge, and alſo two roomes of houſinge neere adioyninge to the old warth; And paies 2d. pcell of the ſaid cheiſe rent of 6s. 6d. By whoſe death in Caroli the ſame diſcended to his two daughters and coheires, viz, Mary nowe the wiſe of Thomas ffreeman, the widow of Purnell, And to Elizabeth late wiſe of Richard Hugman, who died this yeare: And the ſaid Elizabeth forthwith after ſold her moity to the ſaid Thomas ffreeman.

9. John Thayer of Stinchcombe to whom by deed dated 30°. Aprił. 17 Jač. I ſold one cloſe of paſture called Hengaſton conť one acre, in Came or Stinchcombe or one of them; And paies—1d. parcell of the ſaid cheiſe rent of 6s. 6d. By whoſe death in Caroli, the ſaid land diſcended to John his ſonne and heire, who nowe holdeth the ſame. A°. 1639.

10. John Smyth of ffrogpit in Hinton, to whom by my deed dated 20°. Augť. 17°. Jacobi, I releaſed and confirmed the Terme of—1000. yeares which hee then had to come by the demiſe of John Goldiſborrowe two yeares before, in one acre and an halfe of mead in Broadmead, To hold to him and his heires; lyinge not farre from Cheſilhunger towards Slimbridge, vnder—1d. rent to the cheiſe lord, pcell of the ſaid—6s. 6d. Which John, in 16. Caroli, gave the ſame to Joſeph his younger ſonne and to his heires.

11. John Nelme of Stinchcombe to whom by Deed dated 30°. Aprił 17°. Jač. I ſold one acre of paſture in Cleihunger ałs Clinger; And paies—1d. pcell of 6s. 6d. aforeſaid; which hee after aliened to Bridger.

12. Samuell Bridger aforeſaid holdeth by the grant of the ſaid Lawrance Bridger clerke, his father, wch. by my deed dated 3. Octobř 18. Jač, I ſold to him in fee, one meſſuage in Hurſt neere Reignolds leaze, And one cloſe called Hawthurne conť 4. acres, and 2. cloſes of paſť conť 5. acres in Lyſeild, and 2. acres of arrable in the ſaid Lyſeild in Slimbridge; and one cloſe of paſture called Brodnam in Slimbridge, conť 3. acres, and 2. cloſes conť 3. acres in Came, late in the tenure of Thomas Shell; And for theis paies—5d. pcell of the ſaid cheiſe rent of—6s. 6d.

Other

Other ffreeholders of the Sirname of Gofington or de Gofington lived very anciently in this village, of much remarkeablenes in their times, not formerly mentioned; As Engewald de Gofington who lived in the time of kinge Stephen, and was one of the 8 noble vndertakers, that the faid Roger Berkeley of Durfley fhould performe his Agreement with Robert the fonne of Harding; which fee in fol: 175, et fol: 325.

Thomas lord Berkeley by his deed dated 23. Junij a° 35. E. 1. granted licence to Roger de Gofington his cozen to enclofe his feild called Oldland lyingē neere to his court of Gofington, and fo to hold it inclofed all times of the yeare for ever; wherto amongft others Walter de Gofington was a witnes; which Roger is formerly mentioned to dye about 12. E. 2.

Reginald de Gofington in the time of H. 2. and R. 1.
Willm de Gofington, in the beginninge of H. 3.
Reginald de Gofington towards the later end of H. 3. and in the time of kinge E. 1.
Walter de Gofington in the time of kinge E. 2. |

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And by a Deed without date, Robert de Gofington fonne of Robert fonne of Richard had lands heere; But whether of this Hall place or of other fmaller parcells, which I rather beleive, I determine not.

Reginald de Gofington by deed without date gave to Willm his fonne and his heires, halfe a yard land in the towne of Gofington, To hold of him and his heires by 12d rent for all fervices, excepto regali fervicio, &c. which is knight fervice.

And by one other Deed without date, the faid Reginald de Gofington, gave to Walter fonne of Roger de Gofington and to his heires, a meffuage in Gofington and 11. acres of land therto belonginge, which Roger father of Walter gave to him. And theis two laft mentioned parcells are nowe the lands of the faid Robert Davis of Hurft, which hee in 11° Caroli. a° 1635. purchafed of Simon Mundy als Munden, who lately before had the fame by the laft Will of Simon Ludby, whofe lands and his anceftors they had longe byn, And whofe widowe, is nowe wife of the faid Robert Davis.

To each of which purchafors from mee, Rowland Goldifborrowe fonne and heire of the faid John, for their better affurance, by his feverall deeds in 7° Caroli, releafed, with warranty.

Somewhat

Somewhat more of this Gofington, is to bee read in theis Records, vizt,

Inq : de feodis miłtum de Berkeley. 37. E. 3.—per fervicium mił.

ffinis in banco. 17. H. 6. Term̃i Hill : pro Venables.

Inq : 4. & 5. Ph : & Mař p^t mortē ffrancifci Codrington.

Inq : 23. Eliz : p̃t mortē Egidij Codrington.

Inq : 24. Eliz : p̃t mortē ffrancifci Codrington.

ffinis in banco, pro Odone de Acton et Ifabella vxoř eius. 13. E.

Inq : 14. Regis Caroli, p̃t mortē Edw : Trotman de les fteps in Came.—per fervič militare.

Inq : 9. Caroli, p̃t mortē Thome Davis. p fervič militare.

Court Rolls of Hurft and Slimbridge. 2°. Jač. p^t mortē Godfrid Goldifborř.

Term̃i Pafch : 3. Jač. Rot. 745 in c̃oi banco.—per ferviciū mił.

Term : Hill : 3. Jač. Rot. 171. in banco Regis.—per ferviciū militare. |

Hame.

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Hame, quasi Home : vz, the Home manor. Alfo Ham, in the old Saxon tongue properly fignified a Coveringe ; And by a Metaphore An houfe that covereth vs.

This manor of Hame hath noe fpetiall name in the booke of Domefdai, compiled in the 14th yeare of Willm the Conqueror, as the other **Berew** members villages or parifhes have within that hundred of Berkeley, which are therin faid to belonge to Berkeley : But indeed this manor of Hame (as longe it hath byn called) is the homefted of the manor of Berkeley, efpecially before the buildinge of the caftle of Berkeley ; And the ancient houfe within this manor of Hame nowe called the Grange, was the fcite-place or capitall meffuage thereof ; And of this Hame are theis words in the faid Domefdai booke meant, viz ; Terra Regis : In Berchelai habuit E. Rex 5. hidas, et in dominico 5. carucať. et 20. villani, et 5. bordař, cum 11. carucať, et 9. fervi, et 11. molini de 12. folid. Ibi 10. racheniftres habentes 7. hidas et 7. carucať ; Ibi vnum forum (the market or burrowe towne) in quo manent 17. homines, et reddunt cenfum in firma. And then in that booke doe followe perticulerly the villages and members belongin̄g therto. And the firft time that I doe remember to have obferved the name (Hame) is in 6. R. 1. in the great pipe roll of that yeare in the Exchequer.

This

This manor of Hame is at leaſt 10. miles about in a fruitfull ſoile, and for the better goverment therof by Coneſtables, Tithingmen, Heiwards and the like rurall officers, is divided into two parts, Hame and Hamesfallowe, parted by the river runninge into the haven on the weſterne ſide of Berkeley towne; and conſiſteth of the Hamblets of Bevington als Bainton, Clapton als Clopton, Pedington, Apleridge, Wickſtowe, Stone, divided into vpper Stone and lower Stone; And the ſaid hamblet of Hame, which for the old capitall meſſuage ſake giveth the name of the manor of Hame to both parts of this manor. And the other part or halfe of this manor of Hame called Hamsfallowe conſiſteth of the hambletts of Wike als Wikes-elme, Wanefwell, Swonhunger als Saniger, Halmer als Ecton, and Egeton: All of them within the pariſh of Berkeley, the inheritance of George lo. Berkeley, and parcell of his Barony and Honour of Berkeley, and by him holden by knight ſervice in Capite.

This Manor of Hame, (which I conceive to bee of it ſelfe without addition by patches at any time bought in or laid vnto it, the faireſt of the wholl county of Glouc̃,) was amongſt many others granted by kinge H. 2. in the firſt of his raigne to Robert the ſonne of Hardinge and his heires; By which deed alſo, hee was, accordinge to the manner of thoſe ancient times, created a Baron and a peere of the Realme, as before I have written fol: 6. 7. et 77

ffrom which lord Robert this manor of Hame diſcended to Maurice his ſonne and heire, who was father of Robert and Thomas; which Robert died without iſſue in 4. H. 3. and the ſaid Thomas was his brother and heire, who had iſſue Maurice, father of Thomas, father of Maurice, father of Thomas; who by ffine and Deed in
210 24. E. 3. entailed this manor (amongſt others) to the heires males of his | body, and dyed 11. yeares after, leavinge iſſue Maurice, who had iſſue Thomas and James; which Thomas dyed in 5. H. 5. without iſſue male, But the ſaid James who dyed in the life time of his elder brother, had iſſue James, who was heire in taile to the ſaid Thomas his vnkle, which James had iſſue Wiłłm, created Earle of Nottingham and Marques Berkeley, and Maurice: Wiłłm the Marques dyed without iſſue, and Maurice his brother and heire had iſſue Maurice and Thomas; Maurice died in 15. H. 8. without iſſue, and Thomas his brother and heire had iſſue Thomas, father of Henry, father of Thomas, who dyed in his fathers life time, leavinge iſſue George who nowe holdeth this manor as aforeſaid, A°. 1639. Hereof and of this Diſcent fee more perticulerly fol: 6. 7. et 77.

In this manor of Hame rather then in the burrowe towne of Berkeley I conceive the caſtle of Berkeley to bee ſeated, wherof I have before written in fol: 77.

In

In this Manor alſo is the parke called Whitcliffe parke, ſtored with fallowe deere and a fewe red deere; anciently written, Witheley, firſt incloſed and made a parke by Maurice lord Berkeley the ſecond of that name in the end of the raigne of kinge H. 3. and after enlarged by Henry lord Berkeley by caſtinge the farme and lands called Comly into it; wherof ſee more largely in my hiſtory bookes of thoſe two Lords lives. Whitcliffe parke.

In this Manor alſo is the parke called New parke, becauſe newer and more lately by about 56. yeares, made a parke and encloſed by Thomas lord Berkeley in the firſt and ſecond yeares of kinge Edward the third, beinge the third lord of that name, and great grandchilde of the foreſaid Maurice, then the former parke called Whitcliffe; At what time alſo hee built that faire ſtone worke lodge, which there yet ſtandeth; then ſtoringe it both with red and fallowe deere; After alſo much enlarged by layinge of the ground called Catgrove and other lands into it, wherof alſo read more in my ſaid hiſtory bookes of that family in the ſecond volume. New parke.

In this Manor alſo is the one halfe of the parke called the Worthy or Caſtle parke, which was encloſed and made a parke by Thomas lord Berkeley the 4th lord of that name, grandchilde of the former lord Thomas, in the time of kinge H. 4.; which afterwards was much inlarged by kinge Henry the 8th in the 13th yeare of his raigne, by layinge into it the Capitall meſſuage or Scite of the manor of Alkington, with the grounds called Hamſtalls, Culverhayes, the Twichen, Manmead, and a parcell of Oakley parke called the Ragge. Worthy parke.

In this Manor alſo is the parke called the little parke, adioyninge to the wall of the Churchyard of Berkeley, incloſed and made a parke when the Worthy was and by the ſame Lord. It ſeemes that Maurice lord Berkeley the ſecond of that name, did in 35. H. 3. intend this into a parke, as a Deed ſheweth in Berkeley caſtle: vpon which fancy to that purpoſe hee drewe much of it togeather by divers exchanges. Little parke.

In this manor in the hamblet called Hame is one of the 8. tyth barnes belonginge to the rectory or pariſh of Berkeley; Of one other called Bliſbury I ſhall write in fol: 106 et ; And of one other called | Stone-barne, I ſhall write 211
in Stone; All of them within this manor of Hame.

In payment of the ffifteene or Kingſilver when it is granted by parliament, the onus or charge in the Exchequer, is,—9li 10s 1d The deduction therout for decayes ffifteene.
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is—20s. 8d. The Remanet paid by the Collector therof into the Exchequer, vpon his Accompt, is 8li. 3s. 5d.

Subfedy. In the laft Subfedy in A°. 5°. Regis Caroli were 43. Subfedy men within this manor, who in both parts therof paid—16li. 14s. 8d.

Able men. Of able men for the warres betweene 20. and 60. yeares old, in 6to. Jac., that appeared in perfon and were inrolled before Henry lord Berkeley, then Leiutenant of this County, were—186.

Souldiers. And now A°. 15°. Regis Caroli, 1639. of Trained Souldiers, vnder Wiłłm Thorpe of Wanifwell their Captaine, are—29, viz. 13. corfletts and 16. mufketts.

Rates. If the whole divifion of Berkeley, accompted a 4th. part of the Shire, bee rated in any taxe for kinge or comon wealth at—100li., then this Hundred of Berkeley paies thereof—33li. 3s. And this manor of Hame, with that part therof called Hamffallowe,—4li.; And foe after that proportion bee the taxe more or leffe.

Many are the ffreeholds within this manor of Hame in both the parts therof, wherof fome in each of their hambletts nowe followe; But often fine ordine, becaufe fome one mans ffreehold extends into 2. or 3. or more of the faid hamblets.

The ffreeholds in Bevington hamblet have already found an alphabeticall place by themfelves, fol: 103

Soe alfo fhall the ffreeholds within the faid hamblet of Pedington, fol: [313]

Soe alfo fhall the ffreeholds within the hamblets of Wanifwell, Swonhunger, and Halmer.

The reft of the ffreeholds in either part of this Manor of Hame (which are neere one halfe therof) nowe followe, vz.

Vele ham als Ham veel. In this Manor, in Hame, is a farme or little Manor in reputation called Hamvele, als Veleham; which in the time of kinge H. 3. was the inheritance of Robert Veel, father of Sir Robert, father of Peter Veel, father of Sr Peter le veel knight, who dyed in 17. E. 3. And in his life time conveyed the fame (inter alia) to Katherine

Katherine his wife, daughter of Sir John Clyvedon, for her life, after remaried to Thomas lord Berkeley the third of that name, who in her right, till hee died, held this little manor; And after to Jone daughter of him the ſaid Sir Peter de Veel, and her heires, maryed to John Moigne, who had iſſue betweene them Sir John Moigne knight; who dyinge in 8. H. 6. left 2. daughters and heires, vz, Ewſtatia his yongeſt daughter maried to Bonvile, And Elizabeth his eldeſt daughter | maried to Wiłłm then ſonne and heire of Sir John Stourton knight, to 212
whom this little manor (inter alia) was allotted in partition; who had iſſue betweene them Sir John Stourton of Stourton knight, created Lord Stourton; By whoſe death in 2. E. 4. the ſame diſcended to Wiłłm lord Stourton his ſonne, who dyinge in 17. E. 4. leaſt iſſue three ſonnes all Barons in their life times; vz, John lord Stourton the eldeſt ſonne, who dyed in 1. H. 7. leavinge iſſue ffrancis, who 2. yeares after dyed without iſſue. Wiłłm ſecond ſonne of the lord Stourton, was alſo Lord Stourton after the death of his nephewe ffrancis, and dyed in 16. H. 8. without iſſue; To whom ſucceeded Edward lord Stourton, the third ſonne of the aforeſaid Wiłłm lord Stourton, and yonger brother of the laſt mentioned Wiłłm lord Stourton; Which Edward died in 32. H. 8. leavinge iſſue Wiłłm Lord Stourton, who by his Indenture quadripartite dated 3cio Julij. 33cio H. 8, made betweene himſelfe of the firſt part, Richard Hickes on the ſecond part, Thomas Griffith of the third part, and Robert Saniger of the fourth part, then inrolled in the Chancery, ioyntly ſold the ſame to them the ſaid Richard Hickes, Thomas Griffith and Robert Saniger, By the name of All that the Manor of **Vele-ham, &c**; And from them is nowe, a° 1639. the ſeverall inheritances of Thomas Machin, Robert Baily, George Watkins, Thomas Tyndall, and lately of John Smyth; Which Thomas Machin r̃.vs. is ſonne and heire of Margaret late wife of John Machin, daughter and heire of Wiłłm Hickes, ſonne of Richard Hicks, one of the ſaid purchaſors. And the ſaid Robert Bayly, r̃. xvs. iiijd. is ſonne and heire of Thomas Baily who dyed 13° Car̃., cozen and heire of Margaret daughter and heire of Robert Griffith who died in 13° Eliz., ſonne of Thomas Griffith one of the ſaid purchaſors. And the ſaid Robert Saniger ſold his part to Wiłłm Laverance als Lawrance, and hee to Richard Hicks aforeſaid, father of Wiłłm, father of Margaret wife of John Machin, father of the ſaid Thomas Machin r̃. iiijs. 1. lib: cumini that nowe is; vnder whom, by a late releaſe of part therof, the ſaid George Watkins is lately intereſſed in fee. And the ſaid Thomas Tindall is now the kings ward, (for other lands,) ſonne of Thomas Tindall and of Katherine his wife daughter and heire of John Harris, by whoſe death in 7° Jacobi, his lands diſcended to his ſaid daughter and heire, maryed to Thomas Tindall aforeſaid. See the Court Roll of Hame. 40. Eliz.

Which

Which Robert Baily by his deed dated 1° Aug. 1640. a° 16. Caroli, and by his fine in Michas terme after, aliened to Walter A-Bevan in fee about 17. acres of this manor of Veleham, And therby charged that part with the payment of—v^s parcell of his faid cheife rent of—15^s 4^d

Which pedegree of Thomas Griffith one of the faid purchafors (though true) is more fully thus explained. ffor Thomas Bayly father of the faid Robert that nowe is, was fonne and heire of Willm Baily and of Parnell his wife daughter of the faid Thomas Griffith, and fifter of Robert Griffith, father of Margaret maried to John Smyth, and of Jone, by whofe deathes without iffue Thomas Baily fonne of the faid Parnell was their cozen and heire, and had this land. Wherin fee my booke of Wardfhips and Releifes. fol : 36. See alfo fol : 216. |

213 And which ffarme or little manor is holden of George lord Berkeley as of his manor of Hame by knight fervice, fute to his hundred court of Berkeley from 3. weekes to 3. weekes, and by the yearly rent of 24^s and a pound of comin feed : Of which rent—10^s 4^d is paid by Robert Baily, and 5^s is paid by Machin, And 4^s and a pound of comin by Machin alfo, And 5^s by Walter a Bevan.

And it was 4. April. A° 5. R^e Caroli, before that Machin and Baily by their mutuall releafe fevered the eftate they held either ioyntly or in Comon, a great part of the lands which their anceftors purchafed ioyntly of the lord Stourton as aforefaid.

And it canot otherwife bee conceived, but that this little pettite reputed manor did take its name of Ham-veel or Veel-ham, from the ancient feifin of the ancient family of the Veeles ; And of the greater manor of Hame, wherin in feverall of her hamblets it lyeth (as it were) in both parts therof compounded and mixt togeather.

Somwhat more of this little Manor of Veelhame will bee found in theis records and proofes ; viz,

Inq : 37. E. 3. in Scio de feodis de Berkeley in Michas term in ligula brevium. a° 38. E. 3.—per ferviciu militare.

Inq : 2. E. 4. p^t mortē Johis Dni Stourton.

Inq : 17. E. 4. p^t mortem Willimi Dni Stourton.

Inq : 1. H. 7. p^t mortem Johis Dni Stourton.

Michas term Rec : in banco. 7. H. 7. Rot. 441. et 442. in a Quare impedit, for the pedegree.

Inq :

Inq : 10. H. 7. p^t mortem Katherinæ Stourton, vid̄.

Mich̄as term̄. 21. H. 7. Rot. 520. A recouy against Wiłłm lord Stourton of the Manor of Vealhame.

Finis in banco. 15. Triñ. 33. H. 8. from the lord Stourton, to Hickes, Griffith, and Saniger.

Inq : 13. Regis Caroli p^t mortem Thomæ Baily.—per servic̄ militare.

Besides divers ancient accompts of the Manor of Hame in temp : E. 3. And divers court rolls since, &c : with the said booke of Wardships and Releefes fol : 3. et 36. |

It is by Inquisic̄on in a^o 49. E. 3. pars. 1. after the death of John fitz Nichoł, found, That Julian Allein held of the said John one messuage and one carucate of land at Wickstowe in Hame, by knight service and ij^d rent, which the said John fitz Nichoł held over of Thomas lord Berkeley by the same service and rent. 214 Wickstowe.

And by Inq : in a^o 5. H. 5. after the death of the said Thomas lord Berkeley; And by another Inq : in a^o 17. H. 6. after the death of Richard Beauchampe Earle of Warwicke, (who maryed Elizabeth daughter and heire of the said lord Berkeley,) It is found, That 20. acres of wood inclosed into Newparke purchased of William fitz warren, is called Wickstowe, nowe Catgrove.

And by Deed in 14. R. 2. in Berkeley castle, Wiłłm fitz Warren granted to Thomas lord Berkeley in fee, All his lands tenements and services in Hame or elswhere within the Hundred of Berkeley, which were Wiłłm ffitz Warren his fathers. And then by an other deed Henry Moigne and others, (Waryns feoffees,) released to the said Lord All their lands and ten̄ts in Wixstowe iuxta Wodende de Hull in hundredo de Berkeley.

In this Manor of Hame, in divers places scatteredly, are certaine lands knowne by the name of Willoughbies lands, the inheritance of severall men, as after followeth ; holden of the lord Berkeley as of his manor of Ham by knights service, sute to his Hundred Court of Berkeley, from three weekes to three weekes, and by the yearly rent of 18^s 4^d Willoughbies

Theis lands in the time of kinge H. 7 were the lands of Edw. Willoughby Esq. who left issue John and Vincent ; which Vincent by his deed dated 10 Julii a^o 7. H. 8, released to the said John his brother not only all his Estate and right in theis lands, but also in his lands in Dursley and in Wickwarre, called Barbaster, as by a Deed

Deed with Robert Fowler of Alderley appeareth, who hath the ſaid Lands in Durſley. The ſaid John Willoughby, then of Denver, in Norfolke, by his Deed dated 14 Junii, 37 H. 8, granted all theis lands to Yelverton and other Feoffees, to ſuch uſes as are mentioned in a Deed made between himſelfe and Hugh Willoughby his Kinſman, which I have not yet ſeene, (all others herein mentioned I have,) and after dyed in 5 et 6 Ph, & Mar̃. George Willoughby, (then of Bexwell in the ſaid County of Norfolke,) and Eliz. his wife, by their Deed dated 11 Febry. a° 4 Eliz. Regine, enrolled in the Chancery, aliened all his lands and tenem^ts in Berkeley, Newport, Durſeley, and Wickwarre, or elſewhere in the County of Glouceſter, to John Bowſer of Tortworth, Clothier, and his heires; and in Trinity terme followinge, not only the ſaid George and Elizabeth, but Thomas Gawſell and Mary his Wife, levied a Fine thereof to the ſaid John Bowſer and his heires, with warranty againſt themſelves, and againſt John Willoughby aforeſaid and his heires, and againſt Henry Lord Berkeley and his heires; which Mary was the former Wife of the ſaid
215 John Willoughby, ſonne of the ſaid Edward Willoughby, | brother and heire to Richard Willoughby, ſonnes of Sir William Willoughby, knight, by Jone his Wife, after remarryed to William Marques Berkeley; Which Richard and Edward are often mentioned in the vaſt alienations made by the ſaid Marques in the raignes of kinge E. 4. R. 3. and H. 7. ffor which diſcents alſo ſee an excellent plea vpon a warrantia cartæ, brought by Sir John Peter againſt Henry lord Berkeley, entred in Mich̃as terme in banco in 40. et 41. Eliz. Rot. 3127. And of Trinity terme after, ib̃m, when the ſaid Mary lived and recouered alſo in Dower againſt the ſaid lord Berkeley.

Moſt part of theis lands the ſaid John Bowſer by ſeverall deeds in and about the 17th of Queene Eliz. aliened to ſeverall perſons, as after followeth; And by one of his deeds dated 10. mcij. a° 17. Eliz. pd, in his ſale of moſt of them to John Richards of Woollaſton, (called of the Bay in wanefwell,) hath an exception of the ſaid—18^s 4^d payable to the cheife lord: And are nowe a° 1639. the inheritance of theſe 5 perſons; vz,

1. **William Thorpe** of Waniſwell holdeth one cloſe of paſture con̄ about 7. acres, neere Berkeley Towne, called Boddicraft als Berricraft; which George Thorpe his father, in the life of Nicholas his father, by an Indenture Tripartite dated 3. octob̃r a° 40. Eliz. purchaſed of John Clutterbooke of Hinton and of Jane his wife, of her inheritance, daughter of the ſaid John Richards of the bay, wherof, as alſo in a deed dated 30. Sept. a° pd, is a covenant to ſave harmleſſe the ſaid George Thorpe from the ſaid Cheife rent.

2. **George**

2. **George Clutterbooke** holdeth certaine grounds called Hookſtreet and Howmead with 2. acres of arrable land, in all about 18. acres, which hee had from John his father and the ſaid Jane his wife, daughter of the ſaid John Richards, to whom her ſaid father by his will deviſed the ſame in fee; Of which fee a fine in truſt levied by the ſaid John Clutterbooke and Jane, to Willm Tylladam and Willm Everod. 8bis Michis, a° 39° Eliz.

3. **William Atwood** holds about 10. acres of arrable meadowe and paſture, which John Atwood his father purchaſed of Richard Webbe, brother and heire of Willm Webbe, to whome his father Thomas Webbe gave the ſame in fee. ffor which (inter alia) fee an Inq : 27. Eliz. after the death of the ſaid Thomas Webbe.

4. **Thomas Tyndall**, ſonne of Thomas Tyndall and of Katherine his wife, daughter and heire of John Harris, holds an houſe and 4. acres of land in Waniſwell, which the ſaid John Harris purchaſed of the ſaid John Atwood.

5. **William Hurne** holds one ground called Dalliſcroft containinge about 5. acres, which William ffoſter his grandfather-in-lawe by his will deviſed vnto him, who purchaſed the ſame of—

Of which lands, now called Willoughbies lands, part of them as I conceive were of old Dolyes lands ; And another part of them the lands of— |

Heere alſo in Hame is an ancient meſſuage called Harford, with 40. acres of land therto belonginge, lyinge in Hame and Stone in the pariſh of Berkeley, late parcell of the poſſeſſions of the Abby of Kingſwood in the county of Wilts̃ ; which by the diſſolucõn of that Monaſtery in 31. H. 8. came to that kinge, and continued in the Crowne till Queene Eliz : in the 41th of her raigne granted the ſame (inter alia) to Vtley and Cartwright and their heires ; ffrom whom it came to Hugh Saxey late one of the Auditors to kinge James ; And by his conveyance to Sir Lawrance Hide, Robert Biſſe, and other their Coſeoffees, to charitable vſes accordinge to the direction of the ſaid Hugh Saxey ; who forthwith after the death of the ſaid Saxey, for the better performance of the truſt in them repoſed, granted the ſame to John Crabbe and his heires, by their deed dated 27. Novembr : a° 6to Rꝗ Caroli, 1630. And by their ſaid Deed increaſed the rent of 31s 4d, (which Crabbe an ancient leſſee therto of old formerly paid,) vnto five pounds p anñ, payable by Crabbe and his heires at the Towne hall in Brewton in the county of Somerſet : Which John Crabbe

216 Crabbs land.

Crabbe died in Auguſt a° 13° Caroli, as by an Inq : found after his death by the Eſcheator, virtute officij ſui, appeareth, leavinge Jone his only daughter and heire maried to Robert Smith, who dwell vpon the ſame ; And is holden in free Soccage of the kinge, as by the ſaid Lr̃es patents of Queene Eliz : appeareth.

Graftons land nowe Winſtons In Halmer.

Of the ſame condition with the former of John Crabbs, is a meſſuage with 40. acres of land therto belonginge lyinge in Halmer in this manor of Hame, which alſo was part of the poſſeſſions of the ſaid Monaſtery of Kingſwood, and granted by Queene Eliz : as aforeſaid ; And was by John Winſton at the ſame time purchaſed of the ſaid Sir Lawrence Hyde and his ſaid Coſeoffees ; And his rent thervpon increaſed from—30ˢ to—5ˡⁱ, limited to the releeſe of the ſaid hoſpitall founded in Brewton aforeſaid by the ſaid Hugh Saxey : holden of the kinge in free ſoccage, as John Crabbs laſt mentioned ; And this meſſuage and land was firſt demiſed by Hugh Sexey to Thomas Graſton, whoſe widowe the ſaid John Winſton married, and therby came into the purchaſe of this meſſuage and lands.

Bailies land of old ffitz Robards.

In that part of this manor of Hame which is called Hamsfallowe are certaine lands containinge by eſtimacõn acres, nowe the inheritance of Robert Baily, ſonne and heire of Thomas Bayly, cozen and heire of Margaret ſomtime wife of John Smyth, daughter and heire of Robert Griffith, ſonne and heire of Thomas Griffith, And which the ſaid Thomas in 36. H. 8. purchaſed of Richard James of Woodford, ſonne of Willm James, ſonne of Richard James and of Jone his wife. And hee ſonne and heire of Jone Clifford, daughter and heire of Richard fitz Roberts of Berkeley, ſonne and heire of Richard fitz Roberts who lived in the time of kinge Richard the ſecond. And before the lands of

Of which lands the ſaid Richard James by his deed dated 15. Octobr̃ a° 16. E. 4. enfeoffed John Twyniho, then high Steward of the hundred of Berkeley, which, ſaith his ſaid Deed, hee had by the grant of Jone Clifford his mother, daughter and heire of Richard ffitz Robards of Berkeley : And a regrant from the ſaid John Twyniho the next day after to the ſaid Richard James and to Jone his
217 wife, and to their heires. | And by another Deed dated 19° mcij. a° 14° H. 7. the ſaid Jone in her widowhood granted the ſame lands to her ſonne Willm and his heires ; whoſe ſonne Richard James ſold the ſame in 36. H. 8. to Thomas Griffith as aforeſaid. Thus much the Deeds of the ſaid Robert Baily doe declare. ffor which alſo ſee an Inq : in 13. Regis Caroli after the death of Thomas Baily, found by the Eſcheator virtute officij ſui, wherin the tenure of theis lands is found to bee of

of George lord Berkeley by ſute of Court, and the yearly rent of—iij^{d} late purchaſed of Edward Hall.

The formoſt part of this pedegree of Robert Bayly is alſo before in fol: 212.|

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Halmer. 219

Halmer: written alſo **Hal mere, Hathemere,** and **Eckton,** and **Eketon,** and **Egeton**; Is an hamblet within the pariſh of Berkeley, parcell of the ſame manor of Hame, and conſiſteth of dwellinge houſes, lyinge in the vtmoſt bounds of that manor northwards, moſt of them the lands of ffreeholders; wherof ſee more in Hame fol: [216], and in Hinton fol: [229.]

Herts grove.

In this hamblet of Halmer is one ſmall parcell of ground called Herts grove containinge about 2. acres, which Thomas lo: Berkeley in 4. E. 2. gave to Willm Heort and to Mabill his wife and to the heires of their two bodies, by the name of halfe an acre and 4. perches of land lyinge by the kings highway, in Hame, Rendringe 9^{d} rent by the yeare et 4. termes, for all ſervices ſavinge the knight ſervice, (called ſervicium regale,) which is nowe a^{o} 1639. the inheritance of James ſonne of John Heort, ſonne of John who died , ſonne of Thomas who died , ſonne of John who died—20. H. 8, ſonne of , The ſaid eſtate taile havinge to this day continued lineally in the iſſue male of the ſaid William and Mabill, not diſcontinued; and the ſaid rent of—9^{d} accordingly paid at this day: ffor which alſo Walter Heort ſonne and heire of the ſaid Donees, was in 20. E. 3. in ward to the grandchilde and heire of the donor.

Smythes late Bowers.

Heere alſo in this hamblet of Halmer als Ecton is a meſſuage and about 18, acres of land therto anciently belonginge, holden of the lord Berkeley as of his ſaid manor of Hame, by knights ſervice and ſute to his hundred court of Berkeley from 3. weekes to 3. weekes, late in the tenure of John Smyth of Panthurſt, And nowe the inheritance of Thomas Smyth ſecond ſonne of the ſaid John; which Thomas lord Berkeley the firſt of that name about 20. H. 3. gave to Willm Brugg̃ and his heires, To whome Hilde Brugge was daughter and heire, maried to John atte Boure, who had iſſue betweene them Robert de la Boure, father of John de la boure, father of John Boure, father of Willm Boure, father of Richard Boure, father of Robert, father of Willm Boure who died 1. E. 6, father of Willm Bower, ſomtimes

ſomtimes high Baily of this hundred vnder Henry lord Berkeley, who died in 5to Jac̃, who with Wiłłm Boure his ſonne and heire in 4. Jac̃, and his ſaid ſonne after his fathers death in 6. Jac̃, aliened theis lands to John Smyth of Panthurſt, who left them to Thomas his ſecond ſonne aforeſaid, and his heires. I have the rather noted this diſcent in a direct ſucceſſion taken out of the deeds themſelves, what time the land was Wiłłm Bowers.

Somwhat more heerof is in theis Records, vz,

Inq : 37. E. 3. de feodis de Berkeley in Scacio, in Term̃ Mich̃is. 38. E. 3. in ligula br̃ium.—per ſervic̃ militare.

Mich̃as Record̃ in banco. 9. E. 4. Rot. 300.

ffinis in banco. 6. Jacobi, inter Smith et Bower. |

220 Fremes lands. **Heere** alſo in this hamblet of Halmer, and in Hinton, are thoſe lands which by the old poſſeſſion of their ancient owner have given to it the name of Ecton, Eketon, and Egeton ; nowe for the moſt part the inheritance of Thomas ffreame of Lipiat, who havinge alſo divers lands and tenements in Berkeley towne, and in the manors of Alkington and Canonbury, I will in this place write all I knowe of them all heere togeather.

The ſaid Thomas ffreame, (whoſe ſirname I have ſeene in the times of kinge H. 7. and to bee written **Reme** and **Reom** ałs ffreme,) is ſonne of Thomas who died in , ſonne of Robert who died in 42. Eliz., ſonne of Thomas who died 14. Eliz., ſonne of Wiłłm who died in 17. H. 8, ſonne of Thomas who died in . And are holden of George lord Berkeley as of his ſeverall manors wherin they lye, by knight ſervice, ſute to his hundred court of Berkeley from 3. weekes to 3. weekes, heriot ſervice, and by ſeverall yearly rents, as after ſhall appeare ; viz, 20. horſhoes and their nailes for his lands in Berkeley, ſomtime the land of , and 6d for his lands in Halmer ſomtime , and 2s 6d for his lands in Hinton called Barry court ałs the manor of Barrers late John Vſhers, rent. 12d ; And the 4th part of ffreemans lands in Hinton, rent. 4d ob̃.

By a deed without date, but temp : Rꝰ Joh̃is, Wiłłus filius Eliæ de falſo mariſco, aſſenſu Matildis vxoris ſuæ, conceſſit Dño Roberto de Berkelei, Totam terram illam et boſcum quam Iſilia filia Alexandri de Egeton ava ſua, de cuius hereditate ꝑdicta terra fuit, dedit in excambiũ eid̃ Roberto de Berkelai, pro duabus virgatis terræ in Egeton, quæ pertinebant ad Manerium ſuum de Hineton.

By

By another Deed without date, temp: Rℓ Johis, Robertus de Berkelai dedit Yfilliæ filiæ Alexandri de Egeton, duas virgatas terræ in Hineton, and boundeth it perticulerly, Habend̃ ſibi et hered̃ in Excambio for the former lands, &c. And this feemes the firſt guift of Mr. ffreames lands heere.

And 18s. 8d. for his lands within the manor of Alkington, vz, for a Meſſuage an orchard and a meadowe fomtimes John Bakers, in Newport, rent 9s. 4d.; And for a paſture called Coles Elme, fomtime Thomas Coles of Durſley, rent 5s.; And for a paſture in Wikes fallowe neere Nybly grove in Alkington, rent ; wherof George ffreeman of Newport payeth—9s. 8d. for the mead called Coniger meadowe, con̄t. 2. acres, and an orchard con̄t. 1. acre, which hee by deed 19. Aug̃, a°. 6. Jacobi prchafed in fee of Thomas ffreame; And which the faid George hath this yeare 14. Caroli fetled vpon his grandchilde George ffreeman, fonne of Thomas, fonne of him the faid George.

With Thomas ffreame (as hee faith) is the originall deed made by Thomas lord Berkeley for this purchafe made by George ffreeman of Thomas ffreame. See the Court roll of Alkington in 13. Jac̃. r̃. 9s. 4d. |

And 7s. for his lands in the manor of Canonbury, vz, a meſſuage and 2. yard land 221
at Egeton als Eckton in Hame, r̃. 2s. And two meſſuages and the moity of a yard land, one acre of meadowe, and 3. acres of wood at Egeton in Hame. r̃. 5s. As the court Rolls of Canonbury manor in 1. E. 3. and in 3. E. 3. when John de Egeton did his homage and recognized his tenure, expreſſely are. And as the court rolls of 6. et 9. H. 4, and of 24. et 25. et 26. H. 6, And a court roll 17. H. 8. of Hinton, And a Rentall of Canonbury in 14. E. 4. And an Inq: in 31. H. 8. after the death of Katherine Walſh the widowe of Willm ffreme Eſqꝗ, doe ſhewe, fome of them before pertition of John de Eketons co-heires, and fome after.

The firſt of theis of the Sirname of ffreame I have met withall in this hundred of this family, was , who maried the daughter and heire of John Vſher who died in 2. R. 3. as by the court roll of Hinton of that yeare appeares. And was ſonne of Sir Willm Vſher knight, who maried daughter and heire of , And was deſcended from John de Eketon als Egeton who died in 6. H. 4. leavinge two daughters and co-heires, vz, Jone maried to John fframilode, of whoſe iſſue fee in fol: [330] And Iſable his younger daughter then but 2. yeares old, and in 24. H. 6. maried to Willm Donell, as the court roll of Canonbury in 24. 25. et 26. H. 6. doe ſhewe.

And

And from Willm Donell and Ifable his wife theis lands came to Sir Willm Vſher knight aforefaid, And foe by maryage into this family of the Reoms, now called (euphoniæ gratia) ffremes, genĩ of a faire race.

The pdon roll, 30. H. 6. m : 31. A pardon to Willm Donell nup de Berkeley yeoman, als Willm Vſher de Biſley yeoman, And the pardon roll of 36, H. 6. a pardon to Willm Donell als Wm. Vſher, als Willm Daniell of Berkeley genĩ. in arce Londini.

The 6th of July, 1494. aº 10º H. 7. was an Award made which ſetled peace betweene Richard Thorpe of Waniſwell Eſq, on the one part, And Willm Reme als ffreme then a Juſtice of peace on th'other pte, wherby the controverted tenement in the high ſtreete in Berkeley was awarded to the ſaid Richard Thorpe and his heires, where yet it is, with Willm Thorpe, ſonne of George, ſonne of Nicholas, ſonne of Thomas, ſonne of Thomas, ſonne of the ſaid Richard. Which Willm ffreme in Triñ terme 13. H. 7. levied a fine of that and other his lands in Berkeley, Waniſwell, Hinton, Sanyger, als Swonhunger, &c.

By an Inq : in 31. H. 8. after the death of Katherine Walſh, late the wife of Richard Walſh, and before the wife of Willm ffreme Eſq, (the ſame Willm mentioned in the forefaid award & fine,) it is found That ſhee held the ſaid lands in Hinton called the Manor of Barrers or Barry Court, for her life, And alſo 25. acres of land, 8. acres of paſture, and 120. acres, in the townes of Berkeley, Wike, and Newport, wherof ſhee was by the deed of the ſaid Willm ffreme her huſband, dated 20. mcij, Aº 8. H. 8. enfeoffed for her life, holden of the Caſtle or manor of Berkeley by fealty, ſute of court to the manor of Berkeley twice by the yeare, and the yearly rent of—18s 6d for all ſervices: And that Thomas ffreme was ſonne and heire of
222 the ſaid William and Katherine, then 23. yeares old. | Though the Tombe ſtone of the ſaid Willm in the pariſh church of Berkeley ſheweth that hee died in 18. H. 8. yet his death at the Halimot Courts of Hinton and Alkington manors was preſented to bee in the 17th yeare of that kinge.

Theis lands in the time of H. 3. were the lands of Walter de Egeton, After of John de Egeton, and Willm de Egeton, And of an other John de Egeton, cozen and heire of Henry de Egeton, when the name by a ſhorter and ſmoother pronunciacõn began, towards the end of kinge E. 3, to bee written Ecton, and Eketon; See fol : 181. in Egeton als Ecton.

A Deed

A Deed in Berkeley caſtle in theis words ;—Conu feit q̃ ioe Thomas de Berkelee ſeignour de Berk, ay done et grant et p c̃e p̃ſent eſcrit confirme al Abbe de S^t Auſtin de Briſt̃ e a Covent de meme le lu en eyde de lour eſgliſe ſer̃, tote les t̃res et les teñtꝰ in Egetone que me eſcheqeront per la morte Johan de Egetone tant q̃ a plein age Johan fitȝ et heire le avantdit Johan de Egetone ; En teſtmoiaunce de q̃l choſe a ceſt preſent eſcrit ay mis mon ſeale ; Done a Berkelee le iour de Seint George en l'an du regne le roy Edward fitȝ le roy Henric̃ trentime quarte. Referre alſo this, to fol : 181.

Goffes land nowe Hathewaies Palls, and others.

Also in this hamblet of Halmer als Ecton als Egeton, is another ancient meſſuage with divers lands therto belonginge, late the lands of Wiłłm Gough als Goffe, ſonne of Wiłłm, ſonne of Richard, ſonne of John Gough, havinge in that Sirname for many diſcents without any alienation continued ſince the later end of the raigne of kinge Henry the third, what time the ſame (amongſt other lands) was parted betweene Hildeburgh then wife of Thomas Mathias and Iſable her ſiſter, daughters and coheires of ; Which Wiłłm Gough hath in the 12th of kinge Charles. A^o 1636, aliened in fee to Richard Hatheway leſſee therto for divers yeares then to come, who by his laſt will ſhortly after deviſed the greater part therof to Richard his younger ſonne, in fee ; And are holden of the lord Berkeleis ſaid Manor of Hame by knight ſervice, ſute to his hundred Court of Berkeley from 3. weekes to 3. weekes, and by the yearly rent of—9^d And as more plainly appeare in an Inquiſic̃on or office found after the death of the ſaid Richard Hatheway, in the 14th yeare of the ſaid kinge Charles.

And of late Nicholas Pall of Berkeley clerke hath purchaſed about 30. acres of this ancient meſſuage, of the ſaid Richard Hatheway the father, not longe before his death, who payeth 3^d of the ſaid cheiſe rent of—9^d

And another part therof is conveyed to Edward Hatheway, another yonger ſonne of the ſaid Richard the father, cont̃ about 5. acres, by the laſt will of the ſaid Richard ; vz, an houſe, orchard and cloſe cont̃ 4. acres, called Roberts cloſe.

By a fine levied in 39. H. 3. Philip de Leiceſter and Iſable his wife aliened 54. acres of wood and 12. acres of land in Egeton, to Thomas Mathias and Hildeburgh his wife aforeſaid and to her heires, which was an addition to her former part ; And was in his life time the land of the ſaid Richard Hatheway ; who alſo for one acre of land in Hynamfeild of Goughes old land, payeth a cheiſe rent of–2^d ; vide fol : 369. |

Heere

223 Oldlands place.

Heere alſo in this hamblet of Halmer and in Waniſwell is an ancient meſſuage called Oldlands place, longe continued in the name and family of the Oldlands, holden of the Manor of Berkeley by knight ſervice, and by ſute to the hundred court of Berkeley from 3. weekes to 3. weekes; nowe the inheritance of John Oldland, ſonne of John, as an Inquiſicõn found after his death, (I thinke virtute officij Eſcaetoris,) in 12º Rꝰ Caroli, doth ſhewe. And as a Deed inrolled in Chancery in 1. E. 4. membr. 23. in dorſo rotuli declareth, was then the inheritance of John, ſonne and heire of John Oldland, who was father of Thomas, father of John Oldland. In the time of kinge Edward the third it was the land of Walter Oldland, who had them in tayle from Thomas Serieant of Stone in 37. E. 3, wherof ſee in Waniſwell fol: 380.

Of the lands belonginge to that meſſuage called Oldlands place, Thomas Butler bought in 14. H. 8. certaine ſcattered parcells of John Oldland, ſonne of Thomas, ſonne of John Oldland who died in aº 1. R. 3. which after, from the heires of Butler, were pʳchaſed by Nicholas Thorpe Eſq̧, as in Waniſwell appeares, fol. 380. with the reſt of all Butlers lands.

Walters land late Harvies.

Heere alſo **Thomas Walter** ſonne of John holdeth a Meſſuage and certaine lands in the tenure of Thomas Huet, containinge about acres; which yeald to the lord Berkeley a Cheiſe rent of—vijˢ ꝑ anñ. And another meſſuage in the tenure of Wiłłm Tought, with about 12. acres therto belonginge, which yeald to the ſaid lord Berkeley a cheiſe rent of 4ˢ 3ᵈ ꝑ añ, which the ſaid John Walter in aº purchaſed of Edward Harvy, brother and heire of Nicholas, who died in 20º Jacobi; ſonnes of John Harvey who died in 45. Eliz. as by an Inq: after his death in 2º Jacobi appeareth, which perticulerly mentioneth all his lands in this hundred, And in Haukeſbury. See alſo the Court roll of Hame, 20º Jacobi,

Hickes lands.

Also in Halmer John Hickes of Tortworth in 38. H. 8. died ſeiſed of a Meſſuage and 70. acres of land therto belonginge, holden of the manor of Waneſwell by yᵉ yearly rent of—3ˢ 4ᵈ And John was his ſonne and heire then 4. yeares old, as an Inq: found that yeare after the death of the ſaid John Hickes doth ſhewe, who was father of Thomas, father of William Hickes that nowe is.

q: whoſe now.

ffor theis lands alſo ſee another Inq: 42 Eliz. pᵗ mortem Hickes. |

ffor

ffor other ffreeholds of this hamblet, See in Swonhunger ſol: 365. And in 224
Wanifwell. fol: 367. |

Hill. 225

Hill: In Domeſdei booke ſoe written. But ſince and of late yeares, Hill als Hull: An ancient manor within the pariſh of Berkeley, holden of the kinge by knight ſervice in capite; wherin Willm the Conqueror and before him kinge Edward called the Confeſſor had foure hides of land, as the ſaid Domeſdei booke ſhewes.

And in this manor in the time of kinge E. 2. John ffitz Nicholl then Lord therof had two parkes, as by Deeds with Sir Robert Poyntz, whoſe fathers this manor late was, which I have ſeene, appeares.

This Manor was (amongſt many others) given by kinge H. 2. in the firſt yeare of his raigne to Robert the ſonne of Hardinge and his heires, To hold of him by knight ſervice, By which grant alſo hee was created a peere and Baron of the Realme.

This Manor the ſaid lord Robert not longe after in the ſaid kings time gave to Nicholas his ſecond ſonne and his heires, by his Deed in theis words; Sciatis me dediſſe et conceſſiſſe Nicho filio meo, Hullam et Nimdesfeld cum oibus ptinentijs ſuas, quas Dns Rex mihi dedit pro ſervicio meo in ſeodo et hereditate, ſibi et heredibus ſuis, faciendo illi mi ſervicium dimidij militis, liberas et quietas ab omni alio ſervicio. Teſte Rico Abbate Sci Auguſtini, &c. As by the deed remaininge with Sir Edward Coke late Cheiſe Juſtice of the kings Bench, which I copied out, appeareth. And after the ſaid lord Robert died in 17. H. 2. As by the great pipe Roll of that yeare appeares.

This Nicholas was a Baron and Peere of the Realme, and paid ſeverall Eſcuages to the ſaid kinge Henry the ſecond, in the 7th 8th 32th and 33th yeares of that kinge; And alſo Aid for marriage of Maud his daughter to the Duke of Saxony, And died in the ſixth yeare of kinge R. 1. leavinge iſſue Roger, who was written Rogerus filius Nicholai, filij Roberti, filij Hardingi, and died in 15. H. 3. leavinge iſſue Nicholas: Betweene which Nicholas and Maurice lord Berkeley the

ſecond

ſecond of that name aroſe ſuites in lawe, for ſervices which that Lord required of him for this manor of Hill and for that of Nimdesſelde, to his Lawe daies at Berkeley, And after thoſe ſutes ended by compoſition, the ſaid Nicholas ſonne of Roger died in 46. H. 3. leavinge iſſue Raph, vſually written Raph ſonne of Nicholas, ſonne of Roger: which Raph died in 19. E. 1. leavinge iſſue Nicholas; Betweene which Nicholas ſonne of Raph and Thomas lord Berkeley the ſecond of that name aroſe ſutes alſo about the ſame ſervices, for theis manors of Hill and Nimsfeilde; And after the ſaid Nicholas [died] in 6. E. 2. leavinge iſſue John: Betweene which John and the ſaid Thomas lord Berkeley were alſo ſutes in lawe about the ſame ſervices for the ſaid Manors, As by ſeverall compoſitions therevpon made which I have read in Berkeley caſtle and elſwhere appeareth; And afterwards the ſaid John died in 49. E. 3. leavinge Thomas ſonne of Reginald ſonne of him the ſaid John, his grand-childe and heire.

The ſaid Thomas vſually written Thomas fitz Nichol knight, had only two daughters, vz, Katherine, who in the time of kinge Richard the ſecond was maried to Robert Pointz, and Alienor maried to John Browninge, whoſe diſcent read in the deſcription of Nimpsfeild. fol: 299.

The ſaid Sir Thomas fitz Nicholl, by a fine in the court of comon pleas levied in 12. H. 4, entayled this manor of Hill to himſelfe and to Agnes his ſecond wife, and to the heires males of his body; The remainder to the ſaid Robert Pointz and
226 Katherine his wife, daughter | of him the ſaid Sir Thomas, for the terme of their lives, the Remainder to Nicholas Pointz ſonne of them the ſaid Robert and Katherine, and to the heires males of his body, with ſix other remainders over: which Agnes ſecond wife of the ſaid Sir Thomas fitz Nichol died without iſſue in the life time of her huſband; And after the ſaid Sir Thomas died in 5. H. 5. without iſſue male of his body, wherby this manor of Hill, remained and came to the ſaid Robert Pointz and Katherine, and after their deathes, (after ſome deviations by conveyances amongſt their children and Nephewes,) as theis records will ſhewe: vz, pateñ, 10. H. 6. ps. 2. m. 15. Rot. pardoñ, 15. H. 6. m. 27. Clauš. 34. H. 6. m: 10. in dorſo. Clauš. 35. H. 6. m. 1. dorſo. ffines 37. H. 6. m. 1. ffines. 39. H. 6. m. 1. et 4. ffines. 49. H. 6. m. 4. wch was, 10. E. 4.,) This manor ſetled in Sir Robert Pointz heire at comon lawe to the ſaid Robert and Katherine, who was a learned and remarkeable gent bredd an vtter barriſter in Graies Inne, knight for the body to kinge H. 7, A Councellor and Chancellor to Queene Katherine firſt wife to kinge H. 8, and high Steward of the Lordſhip and hundred of Berkeley, and

and died in 12. H. 8. and leaft iſſue Anthony Pointz knight, who was by kinge H. 8. oft imployed in very honorable ſervices at home and abroad, in times of warre and peace, by ſea and land, in important ſervices, and died in [26] H. 8. leavinge iſſue Sir Nicholas, who died 3. et 4. Ph: et Mar̃. who leaft iſſue Sir Nicholas, who died 28. Eliz. who leaft iſſue Sir John Pointz, who in Eliz. aliened this manor of Hill to Nicholas Dimery and his heires,[1] who ſhortly after ſold the ſame to Henry ffleetwood, and hee ſoone after to Richard ffuiſt; By whoſe death in 13. Jacobi Rꝗ, it diſcended to Edward his ſonne, an vnderſtandinge gent̃, who nowe holdeth the ſame a°. 1639.

Which firſt Sir Nicholas Pointz was in 35. H. 8. vice Admirall of the weſt Seas, And then delivered over his charge to John Wintour Eſqꝗ, who was bred vnder Sir Anthony Pointz his father, and directed his often tres, To the right honorable and wo^ll^ M^r^, Sir Anthony Pointz knight; Subſcribed, Your Maſterſhips ſervant, John Wintour; Which John Wintour was father of Sir Willm Wintour, Vice Admiral in the fatall yeare 1588 againſt the Spaniard, father of Sir Edward, father of Sir John that nowe is, A°. 1639. A race of 4. eminent and remarkeable gent̃.

Of this village, through the lowe ſcituation and bad water it is ſaid to bee, Hieme mala æſtate moleſta, nunquam bona; evill in winter, greivous in Somer̃, and never good for habitation; wherin the moſt remarkeable places are called Brighampton, Bibury, woodend, Redland, Wickſtowe, Shepwardend als Sheperdine, and In which Shepherdine, where a paſſage is over Seaverne, was a Chaple built, wherof Thomas lord Berkeley was founder, wherunto his heires preſented as to a Chantry till the diſſolucõn thereof by act of parliament; And wherto in 25. E. 3. hee gave competent lands to maintaine a preiſt to ſinge there. |

Inter ptita coram rege apud Glouc̃. in 37. E. 3. Rot. 29. thus; Johes fitz 227
Nichol Dñs de Hull non poteſt dedicere, quin tenetur ſolus mundare quandam gurgitem apud Hull, per quam aqua ſolebat currere ad Severne, quæ obſtructa fuit tempore preſentationis, ſed nunc mundatur.

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[1] Sir John Poyntz had not ſold the Manor of Hill or Hull at the end of the reign of Queen Elizab., for in 1604 he, with others, ſuffered a Fine in this Manor to George Huntley and others. This was probably by way of Mortgage. Perhaps it formed a portion of the lands including the lands of Tockington, the Manor of Iron Acton, &c., which he ſold to Nicholas Dymerie ſoon afterwards. (See "Memoir of the Poyntz Family,") pp. 83, 84. [Ed.]

The Copihold rents of this Manor of Hill were in a°. 40. Eliz. about 51li. per anñ, now leſſened, accuſtomed to bee granted for one mans life, and for ſoe longe as his wife ſurvivinge him ſhall continue ſole and chaſt; And ſo the poſſeſſion by the death of every copihold tenant revertinge to the lord, to bee againe granted to whom it pleaſeth him; Alſo the Copiholders eſtate is forfeited by com̄ittinge of waſt, as ſellinge of Timber without licence, &c. And by beinge not reſident vpon his Copihold tenement and lands; By not performance of his ſervice at Courts, by demiſing̃ for more then one yeare, and other the like; as by an old ſurvey which I have ſeene appeareth.

ffifteene. The payment of the ffifteene or Kingſilver when it is granted by parliament goeth with Nimpsfeild in one ſom̄e, which in the onus or charge therof in the Exchequer Court, is,—8li. 7s. 2d. q. The deduction is—36s. 8d., The Remanet paid into the Exchequer by the Collector therof is—6li. 10s. 6d. q.; wherof this Townſhip of Hill paies—4li. 10s. 10d. q., And that of Nimsfeild—39s. 8d.

Subſedy. In the laſt Subſedy in Anno 5to. Caroli were 10. ſubſedy men within this Manor, who paid—56s.

Able men. And of able men fit for the warres betweene 20. and 60. yeares old, who appeared in a°. 6to. Jacobi at a generall muſter before Henry Lord Berkeley, then Lord Leiutenant of the county, were in this Townſhip—37.

Souldiers. And now in a°. 1639. are of trayned ſouldiers vnder Wiłłm Thorpe Eſq. their Captaine,—15, wherof—7 corſletts and 8 muſketts.

Rates. And if the wholl diviſion of Berkeley accompted a 4th. part of the county bee in any tax or rate for the kinge or com̄on wealth rated at—100li. Then this hundred of Berkeley paies thereof—33li. 3s. And the townſhip of Hill—15s. And ſoe after that proportion bee the tax more or leſſe.

Freeholds within this townſhip of Hill, which I thought fitteſt to remember, are, vz;

Scotlands in Hill. An ancient meſſuage with 30 acres of land therto belonginge called Scotlands, the inheritance of Thomas Mallet of Rockhampton, and by him purchaſed of Thomas Veel Eſq., late before the lands of Richard Bridges, and ſomtime the land of Wiłłm Holfred, And before Clarkes, And before, the land of Richard Moore of Hill;

Hill; And are holden of George lord Berkeley as of his manor of Hame by the yearly rent of—12d, fute to his hundred Court of Berkeley from 3. weekes to 3. weekes, And by |

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In this Townſhip, in a place called Woodends leies, are about 7. acr̃ of land, late the lands of James Purlyn, ſonne of Thomas, the inheritance wherof is in the 3. ſiſters and coheires of the ſaid James; vz, Alice maryed to Richard Adams of Oldbury, who had a third part; Thomas Ritch of Cleverton in Wiltſhire, ſonne of another ſiſter, another third part; And the third third part is parted betweene the 2. daughters and coheires of Dimery, ſonne of a third ſiſter of the ſaid James Purlyn; vz, Alice maried to Edward Knight of Yate, and Mary maried to Henry Baynham of Yate, aforeſaid: And are holden of George lord Berkeley as of his Manor of Hame by the yearly rent of—2s and ſute of Court to the ſaid Manor.

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And by Inq: in 44. Eliz. after the death of Maurice Tovy of Thornbury, it is found That hee died feiſed of a meſſuage, orchard, garden, one curtelage, one cloſe of arrable and paſture ground called Hiſefeild als Hewiſh feild conť. 12. acres, in Pedington, Hame, Hill, and within the pariſh of Berkeley; holden of Henry lord Berkeley as of his Manor of Canonbury, but by what ſervice the Jury knewe not: And that Mary the wife of John Babor, Jone the wife of Nicholas Baker, and ffrances the wife of Thomas Taylor, are his daughters and heires, of full age.

This land Maurice Tovy aforeſaid, by deed dated in Jan. a°. 27°. Eliz. purchaſed of Robert Tilladam, And are part of the lands called Purlyns.

See for Wickſtowe fol: 214. in Hame, et Hill.

Somwhat more of this Townſhip of Hill is to bee read in theis Records not formerly mentioned, vz,

Inq: 33. E. 1. pro Adamo le Walſh, et Nicholao filio Radulphi.
Inq: 6. E. 2. pt mortē Nicħi filij Raďi ꝑď.
Inq: 2. E. 2. An Ad quod damnum pro Roberto Wither.
Inq: 9. E. 2. An Ad quod damnum pro Ada le Waleis.
Inq: 14. E. 2. An Ad quod damnum pro Willo Martell.
Inq: 15. E. 2. An Ad quod damnum pro Joħe filio Nicholi.
Inq: 16. E. 3. An Ad quod damnum pro eoď Joħe fitz Nicholi.
Inq: 29. E. 3. An Ad quod damnum pro eoď Joħe fitz Nicholi, et Eva vxore eius, pur faire entayle de Hull, &c.

Inq:

Inq : 7. R. 2. An Ad quod damnum pro Thoma fitȝ Nichoł.
Inq : 6. H. 5. p^{t} mortē Thome fitȝ Nichoł cħłr.
Micħas recorđ in Sc^{a}c̃io, 20. H. 6. rot. 41. cum Remem̃ Theſauř.
Inq : 12. H. 8. p̃t mortem Roberti Pointz miłtis.
Inq : 3. & 4. Ph : & Mař, p^{t} mortē Nicħi Pointz miłtis.
Inq : 28. Eliz. p̃t mortē Nicħi Poyntz militis.
Hillař Rec̃. in Sc^{a}c̃io, 29. Eliz. Rot. 50. et 51. c̃m Rem̃ Theſauř.
Inq : 12. Jacobi, p^{t} mortem Ric̃i ffuſt. |

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Hinton.

Hinton : ałs Hineton ; In Domeſdei booke written Hinetune ; An ancient manor lyinge by Severne ſide within the pariſh of Berkeley extendinge on that ſide vſq; ad filum aquæ Sabrinæ, to the middle of the chan̄ell of that removinge river where for the time the Channell runneth deepeſt. In which manor Wiłłm the Conqueror had (as that booke ſheweth,) and before him kinge Edward the Confeſſor had, fower hides of land in Demeſne.

This Manor is parcell of the Barony of Berkeley the inheritance of George Lord Berkeley, holden of the Crowne by knights ſervice in Capite ; And was by kinge H. 2. given to Robert the ſonne of Harding and his heires, amongſt many other manors, from whom it hath diſcended to the lord Berkeley as heire male to the ſaid Robert, as before I have written. fol : 7. 78. etc.

This Manor of Hinton conſiſteth of theis ſmall hamblets or remarkeable places, vz, Midleton, ffiſhringe, Pockhampton, Ridlesford, Hinamfeild, Oldminſter, Kingſhill, ffrogpit, Brokend, part of Swonhunger, ałs Saniger, Shobenaſſe and Metreſden.

In this Manor is one of the 8 tith barnes within the pariſh of Berkeley, called Oldminſter barne. About the leaſe whereof made by Burton then Abbot of St Auguſtines not longe before the diſſoluc̃on of that Monaſtery, to Anne lady Berkeley mother of the late lord Henry, a longe and bitter contention was betweene the ſaid lord Henry and Sir Thomas Throgm̃ton of Tortworth in 22° Eliz. and divers yeares after; Whereof in the life of that Lord in the third booke of the hiſtory of his family I have at large written.

Heere

Heere alſo the ſaid Abbot of S: Auguſtines had an ancient halfe hide of land, which Maurice lord Berkeley the firſt of that name, in the time of kinge H. 2, gave to the ſaid Abbot, wherof fee before in fol. 64. 65. in the confirmacõn of Thomas lord Berkeley his ſonne: And is nowe the inheritance of

The payment of the ffifteene or Kingſilver, when it is granted by parliament, goeth with Alkington in one ſome togeather; Wherof the onus or charge in the Exchequer is—9li. 10s. 6d. The deduction 3li. 3s. 4d. The Remanet paid into the Exchequer by the collector, is—6li. 7s. 2d., wherof this of Hinton paies—3li. 3s. 7d. And Alkington ſoe much more. ffifteene.

In the laſt Subſedy in a°. 5to. Caroli were in this village 21 ſubſedy men, who paid—8li. 10s. 8d. Subſedy.

Of able men for the warres betweene 20. and 60. yeares old in 6to. Jac̃, that then appeared before the Lieutenant of the County at a generall Muſter, were–46. Able men.

And of Trayned ſouldiers vnder Wiłłm Thorpe Eſq̃ their Captaine, are 19. vz, 8. Corſletts, and 11. muſketts. Souldiers.

And if the wholl Diviſion of Berkeley, accompted a 4th part of the county, bee rated in any taxe for the kinge or comon wealth at–100li. This hundred of Berkeley paies thereof—33li. 3s. And this manor of Hineton—20s. And ſoe after that proportion, bee the taxe more or leſſe. | Rates.

230 Shobenaſh, Shepneſh, Shepneſſe, and Shepnaſh, is accompted one of the little hambletts of this manor: And wherin the Lords therof very aunciently, (in the time of kinge R. 1. at leaſt,) had a parke, which parcell of ground to this day retaineth the name of Shepnaſh parke, though ſince diſparked: A name wherof the latter ſillable ſeemes to bee taken from the Saxon word Neſſe, which ſeemes alſo to bee derived from the latine word Naſus, and ſignifieth a nebbe or noſe of the land extended into the ſea, as this place is into the river of Severne; In like fort as other places of like poſition neere adioyninge, As Neſſe point on the other ſide this river, and others, have their derivations and names. Shepnaſh parke; or Shepnaſh point.

Freeholders lands within this Manor of Hineton, and the ſmall hamblets thereof.

In the ſaid hamblet called Pockhampton is an ancient meſſuage and about 40. acres of land therto belonginge, the inheritance of John Hurne, who dwelleth thervpon, Hurnes land.

thervpon, holden of George lord Berkeley by the 16th part of a knights fee, And by ſute to his hundred Court of Berkeley from 3. weekes to 3 weekes, and by the yearly rent of—10s. As by an Inquiſicõn found after the death of John Hurne his father in a°. 4. Rꝰ Jacobi appeareth, hee the ſonne then about 18. yeares of age, whoſe wardſhip the ſaid Lord thervpon had; which John the father of John died in 39. Eliz., and was ſonne of Robert Hurne who died in a°. 1°. Mariæ, and paid an heriott; ſonne of Thomas Hurne who died in 36. H. 8, ſonne of Wiłłm Hurne who died in , ſonne of Robert Hurne who died in 21. H. 7, ſonne of Hurne, ſonne of Walter at Hurne, ſonne of Hurne, ſonne of Alexander in la hurne; To whom and to Agnes his wife and to their heires Maurice lord Berkeley the ſecond of that name, in the end of kinge Henry the Third his raigne, gave the ſame, To hold as aforeſaid: which hath ever ſince continued in a lineall diſcent in their iſſue male, drawinge their Sirname from the place; for a Hurne is a little thicket of thornes ſhrubbs or the like ſmall wood, as there then was, and yet is: Which originall deed remaininge with the firſt named John, I have read, made to Alexander de Pockhampton and to Agnes his wife, as aforeſaid, by the name of halfe a yard land in Hineton in pockhampton, late before held in villenage; Rendringe–10s. p Anñ at 4. termes, &c. for all ſervices and demaunds, Salvo regali ſervicio, quantum pertinet ad dimidiam virgatam terræ de eod̃ feodo, which is knight ſervice.

And alſo with him reſteth one other Deed made by the ſaid lord to the ſaid Alexander, by the name of Alexander in la hurne, of 3. acr̃ of land and of the revertion of two little meſſuages, &c. To hold in fee, Rendringe per Anñ—12d. And to hold as aforeſaid.

ffor which fee alſo an Inq: in 37. E. 3. of knights fees belonginge to the caſtle of Berkeley, which findeth, That the heire of Walter at Hurne then held in Hinton, the 16th part of a knights fee, which Record is in the Office of the Remembrancer to the lord Treaſorer in the Exchequer. |

231 Hurnes land late Berkeleis nowe Malletts.

Heere alſo in Hinton is a meſſuage with about 40. acres of land therto belonginge, the inheritance of Nathaniell Mallett, in right of Sara his wife, daughter and heire of John Hurne, ſonne of Anthony Hurne, who by ffine in Micħas terme A°. 6. et 7. Eliz: and by other aſſurances, purchaſed the ſame of Thomas Berkeley of Berkeley geñ, brother and heire of John Berkeley, ſonnes of John Berkeley, ſonne and heire of Thomas Berkeley, yongeſt brother of Wiłłm Marques Berkeley, ſonnes of

of James lord Berkeley, nephewe and heire male of Thomas lord Berkeley the 4th of that name; ffor which fee more in Berkeley fol: 90. And is holden of George lord Berkeley as of this manor of Hinton by knight fervice, fute to the hundred court of Berkeley from three weekes to three weekes, And by the yearly rent of—11s. 2d. ffor which, fee an Inq: after the death of the faid John Hurne in a° 11° Caroli; Which fervices are alfo mentioned in the deed of 1. H. 5. wherby Thomas lord Berkeley aforefaid gave the fame (inter alia) to Phillip Waterton, als Chamberlyn (becaufe his Chamberlaine,) and to Cicely his wife, and to the heires of his body begotten on her; To hold by—10s. rent, and other fervices of old due: which Anthony Hurne died in 39. Eliz. and was a branch derived out of the family of John Hurne of Pockhampton, aforefaid, ancient leffees heervnto; ffor John Hurne in 15. H. 6. held the fame vnder the forefaid Phillip Waterton.

Also in **Hinton,** in the hamblet called Midleton (quafi Midletowne,) is an ancient meffuage and about 40. acres of land therto belonginge, the inheritance of Willm Dancey of Ewley, fonne of Thomas who died , fonne of John who died , fonne of Giles who died ; which is called Midletons meffuage, which hath continued in the firname of Dancey from the time of kinge Henry the ffifth; And was before the land of Arras, and before the land of Atkins als Attekins, To whom Thomas lord Berkeley the firft of that name about 12. H. 3. gave the fame in fee, To hold of him by knight fervice, fute to his hundred Court at Berkeley from three weekes to three weekes, and the yearly rent of—3s. paid at this day; See in Ewley. fol: 198. Dauncies land.

Also John ffryar of Halmer, fonne of William ffryar who died in , brother and heire of Maurice who died 1° Jacobi, fonnes of Thomas ffryar who died , fonne of Thomas who died in , nephew and heire of Richard ffryar who died 15. Eliz., fonnes of John ffryar who died in 5. Eliz. holdeth two meffuages with divers lands to them feverally belonginge, wherof the one lyinge in Halmer in Hinton and Hame was fometime the land of John ffrigg; And the other lyinge in Halmer Hame and Hinton alfo was fomtime the land of John Attemead, By fervice, fute to the hundred Court of Berkeley from three weekes to three weekes, And by the yearly rent of—3s. 4d. for a pound of comyn. | ffryars land.

Heere alfo are divers lands and tenements nowe the feverall inheritances of Richard Laurence and George Lewes, which they by feverall deeds in 13. 14. 15. and 16. yeares of the raigne of kinge James purchafed in fee of George Thorpe Efq, fonne 232 Thorps land:

ſonne of Nicholas, ſonne of Thomas, ſonne of Thomas, ſonne of Richard, ſonne of John, ſonne of John Thorpe and Iſable his wife, ſiſter and heire of John Swonhunger als Sanyger, ſonne and heire of Elias Swonhunger; holden of George lord Berkeley by knight ſervice, ſute to his hundred Court of Berkeley from 3. weekes to 3. weeke, And by the yearly rent of—2s. 6d. to this Manor of Hinton; whereof the ſaid George Lewes paies—2s. And the ſaid Richard Laurence—6d.; who alſo paid—9d. rent for ſome part of the ſaid lands lyinge within the manor of Hame. The ſeverall yeares wherin each of the ſeverall owners of theſe lands died, ſee after in Waniſwell, fol: 367. 368.

By Rot. pateñ 2. E. 2. ps. 1. in dorſo, Adam Eliott arraigned an aſſiſe againſt Maurice ſonne of Thomas lord Berkeley ſeñ, et alios, de teñtis in pockampton et Hineton neere to Berkeley.

Within this manor of Hinton are ſeverall pcells of land now the inheritance of Thomas Perry, ſonne of Thomas Perry of Wotton geñ, and of Samuell Perry ſonne of the ſaid Thomas by Margery his ſecond wife; heertofore pcell of the poſſeſſions belonginge to the Chantry of St. Andrew in the church of Berkeley, and were by Queene Eliz. 1o. Junij. ao. 34o. r̃ni fui, granted vnto Henry Beſt and John Wells, Scriveners in London, and their heires, to hold of Eaſtgreenwich in Soccage: who by their Deed inrolled dated 20o. Julij. 32o. Eliz. & inrolled 24o. Julij next followinge, granted the ſame to Thomas Perry and his heires: who by his laſt will deviſed them to Samuell his eldeſt ſonne by his ſecond wife aforeſaid, but in regard that he died ſeized of ſeverall lands held in Capite, the ſaid Thomas, ſonne of Thomas, claymed a third part to diſcend vnto him, wch. was ended by arbitrament, and pcell of theis lands given vnto him, and hee to releaſe the reſt vnto Samuell his halfe brother. |

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Horſeild.

Horſeild: In Domeſdei booke Horſelle; A townſhip within two miles of the Citie of Briſtoll, wherin Willm the Conqueror, (which alſo Edward the Confeſſor had, as that booke telleth vs,) eight hides of land in demeſne, nowe parcell of the poſſeſſions of the Biſhoppricke of Briſtoll; And hath for its neighbour borderers the ſower Stokes, of great Stoke, Little Stoke, Stoke Gifford, and Harry Stoke.

This

This Manor and townſhip was part of the ancient poſſeſſions of the Abbot and Covent of the Monaſtery of St Auguſtines by Briſtoll, And one of the Manors given by Robert ſonne of Harding, when in the time of kinge Stephen hee firſt founded the ſame, whereof fee before in Almondeſbury fol: 47, And in Aſhelworth fol: 66, And in Berkeley fol: 82, And in Cromhall fol: 165, And in ffilton fol: 201; And continued in the hands of thoſe Abbotts till the diſſolucõn of that Monaſtery in 31. H. 8. And vpon that kings erectinge of the Biſhopprick of Briſtoll in the 34th yeare of his Raigne, became by his grant parcell of the poſſeſſions of the Biſhoppricke, As more largely in the fol: vouched doth appeare. See alſo a confirmacõn of this manor to the Abbot. fol: 64. 65.

ffor ffreewarren and other liberties granted by kinge E. 1, and after recited and confirmed by kinge E. 4, See before in Almondſbury, fol: [49]

A booke of knights fees in the Exchequer, with the Remembrancer to the lord Treaſorer, faith; John Gifford holds halfe a knights fee in Horefeild of Thomas de Berkeley, which is nowe the land of — Regiſtrum Epi Wigorñ.

In the yeare 1472, A^o 12. E. 4, A compoſition was made betweene Walter Newbury then Abbot of the monaſtery of St Auguſtines by Briſtoll, And Willm Meredith then Rector of the pariſh church of ffilton in the Dioces of Worceſter, concerninge certaine tythes, Reall mixt and perſonall, out of lands in the limitts and borders of the Chaple of Horefeild, called Breweſhold; wherby the Abbot was to have the Tithes, and to pay the Rector of the Church of ffilton—6^s 8^d p anñ at Michias; which was confirmed by John then Biſhop of Worc^r, And is to this day paid by the Biſhop of Briſtoll, within which Deanry of Briſtoll this Chaple or Church is. — Chapell

The paym^t of the ffifteene or Kingeſilver when it is granted by parliament, goeth in one ſom̃e with ffilton, And pay into the Receipt of this Exchequer 3^li 10^s 6^d q̃. — ffifteene.

In the laſt Subſedy in a^o 5to Caroli R^e, were 4 Subſedy men in Horfeild, who paid—42^s — Subſedy.

In 6to Jacobi, vpon a generall view of able men betweene 20. and 60. years old, were inrolled, ſerviceable for the warres,—16. — Able men.

And

Soldiers. And now in a° 1639. are of trayned Souldiers vnder Thomas Chester Esq, their Captaine.

Rates. And if the wholl Division of Berkeley accompted a 4th part of the County bee taxed at—100li. vpon any rate for Kinge or Comon-wealth, The Hundred of Berkeley paieth thereof—33li. 3s. And this township of Horfeild—15s. |

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Huntingford.

Huntingford: not mentioned in the booke of Domesdei; Aunciently written Hunteneford, and .

Of old noe manor; After, a manor; nowe only a manor in reputation, within the parish of Wotton vnderedge, and Leet of the hundred of Berkeley; where at Berkeley the Inhabitants appeare and serve vnder the name of a Tithingman and his tithinge; And is holden of George lord Berkeley as of his Manor of Wotton Vnderedge by the 4th part of a Knights fee, and sute to his hundred Court of Berkeley from 3. weekes to 3. weekes.

This ffarme of Huntingford, (for soe it is nowe fitteft to bee called,) was given by kinge Henry the second in the first yeare of his raigne to Robert the sonne of Harding and his heires, amongst much other land; And passed vnder the name of Wotton as parcell of that manor and lyinge in the vttermost skirt therof, South-west ward; Wherof see more in Wotton, fol: 403.

Of this land ffarme or Manor, the said Robert the sonne of Harding about 10. H. 2. enfeoffed Elias his brother in fee, by the name of one hide of land, to hold of him by the 4th pte of a knights fee: which Elias had issue Hardinge, who from the place of his abode was vsually written Harding of Huntingford, and by Dionisia his wife had issue one daughter called Matilda, als Maud, who was maried to Galfridus vitulus, als Geffry le Veel, a gentleman of a remarkeable family, much favoured by kinge John, and of speciall acceptation with many great Lords of that time, As by divers Records in the Tower of London in those daies appeareth. To wch Geffrey Veel also Robert Lord Berkeley, grandchilde of the foresaid Robert sonne of Harding, did in the time of the said kinge John give in ffrankmaryage with

with the ſaid Matilda or Maud his cozen, diuͦs other parcells of land in Hunteneford, and in the ſkirts of his chaſe (or fforreſt as in that Deed it is called,) of Mukelwood, wherby the aforeſaid hide of land was much enlarged.

Which Geffry and Maud had iſſue Robert Veel who died in H. 3, leavinge iſſue Robert Veel knight, who by Hawiſia his wife had iſſue Peter Veel, and died in E. 1. The ſaid Peter Veel died in the life time of his father, but by Cicely his wife left iſſue Peter Veel who died in 17. E. 3. leavinge iſſue by Cicely his wife another Peter Veel knight, who died in , And by Elizabeth his wife left iſſue Sir Thomas Veel knight, who died in , and by Hawiſia his wife left iſſue John Veel who died in 36. H. 6. And by Alice his wife who died in 3. H. 7. leaft iſſue Robert Veel, 2 Wiłłm, and 3 John ; The ſaid Robert Veel died in 13. E. 4. and by Elizabeth his wife leaft iſſue Alice his only childe maried to Sir David Mathew knight, which Alice died in , whom her ſaid huſband ſurvived and died in 19. H. 7. Betweene which Sir David and Alice were 4. daughters and coheires ; viz, Elizabeth maried to Hurd, of whom is iſſue at this day ; Anne ſecond daughter maried to John Baynham of Weſtbury, father of Wiłłm Baynham, father of Joſeph Bainham, father of Alexander Bainham, who by Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Arnold Oldiſworth late of Bradley, have iſſue [Joſeph] Bainham, and others, that nowe are a°. 1639. And alſo the ſaid Anne was maried to Thomas Morgan Eſq̧ : Katherine the third daughter of the ſaid Sir David and Alice was maried to Henry Ogan, who died in 10. H. 8. And the ſaid Katherine died in 24. H. 7. before her huſband. Betweene whom was iſſue Jone their only childe, maried to Richard Cornewall Eſq̧, who died in 11. Eliz. And the ſaid Jone died in 36. H. 8. before her huſband ; betweene | whom was iſſue 236
Edmond Cornwall, called Baron of Burford in Shropſhire, who aliened this manor or farme of Huntingford, as after followeth. And Margaret, the fourth daughter of the ſaid Sir David Mathew and Alice, was married to Wiłłm Throckm̃ton, ſonne of Chriſtopher ; which Wiłłm died in 28. H. 8. And the ſaid Margaret died in ; and had iſſue betweene them Sir Thomas Throkm̃ton knight, who died in 10. Eliz. And by Margaret his wife daughter and coheire of Thomas Whittington Eſq̧, who ſurvived her huſband, and died in 21. Eliz. had iſſue betweene them Sir Tho : Throkmerton knight, who died in a°. 5to Jacobi, who purchaſed in a°. Eliz. this manor or farme of the ſaid Edmond Cornwall, Baron of Burford, to whoſe grandmother Katherine maried to Ogan, and to his mother Jone, a great part therof was allotted in ptition, wherby the ſaid Sir Thomas Throkmerton, addinge to what hee before had from his grandmother (Margaret,) became ſole ſeiſed therof; and

and foe dyed feized, leavinge Sir William Throkmton knight, created Baronet, his only fonne and heire ; who by his deed inrolled in Chancery dated 1°. Novembr. a°. 6. Jacobi, aliened the fame to Thomas Tracy, who with the faid Sir William by their Deed inrolled in the court of Comon pleas, wherin they ioyned, dated 18. Aprit. 13. Jacobi, fold the fame to Sir Henry Bainton knight ; And from him the fame came to Elizabeth his daughter, and her heires, by his will the yeare after, a°. 14. Jacobi, who was maried to John Dutton of Shirborne, who had this land (inter alia) in fee conveyed vnto him as her mariage portion, who lately hath fold the fame to Thomas Graile, fonne of Edmond, whofe the fame nowe is, a°. 1639.

The faid Willm Veel fecond brother of Robert Veel died in 9. H. 7, leavinge iffue Willm Veel who died 23. H. 7. and was father of Edward Veel of Over, and of Willm Veel of Acton ; Which Edward had iffue Edward Veel and others, of whom is iffue at this day, 1639. And the faid Willm Veel of Acton had iffue Nicholas Veel of Allefton, who had iffue Thomas Veel of Allefton that nowe is, a°. 1639, Captaine of a trayned band of 150. fouldiers in this hundred of Berkeley, often before mentioned ; A prudent gent of much remarkeablenes in his countrey ; The ancient word or mottoe of whofe family is, face aut tace. Betweene which William Veel, who died in 9. H. 7. and Willm his fonne and heire who died in 23. H. 7, who claymed this land (with others) as heire male to the faid Robert, by an old entaile, And the faid David Mathew and Alice his wife as in her right, who claymed as heire generall to the faid Robert Veel her father, were great and longe contentions in the times of kinge H. 7. and H. 8 ; in the fecond yeare of whofe raigne thofe fuites tooke endinge, when the heire generall caryed this land.

Mathewes land. Also of this old ffarme or manor John Mathewe, fonne of John Mathewe Clerke, holds about 32. acres with a mill in Huntingford, which the faid John the father in Jacobi, purchafed of Elianor Meffenger, who in 3cio Jacobi purchafed the fame of Jerome Vizar, And hee by deed dated 1°. mcij. a°. 41°. Eliz : of John Bridges ; And hee by deed dated 20. Maij, A°. 22°. Eliz. of the faid Edmond Cornewall, fonne of Richard and Jone his wife, as aforefaid. |

237 Hickes land. Also another part of this old ffarme or Manor containinge about 40. acres is the inheritance of Willm Hickes fonne of Thomas Hickes who died in 42°. Eliz. fonne of John Hicks who by deed dated 9°. Maij 10 Eliz. and by a feoffment in Aprill a°. 14. Eliz. purchafed the fame of the faid Edmond Cornwall, one of the coheires of the faid Robert Veel, defcendinge to him as is aforefaid ; which faid John Hickes the purchafer died in 31. Eliz.

Also

Also another part of this ffarme or manor containinge about 18. acres, in two closes lyinge togeather called Veelfraydings in Nybley adioyninge to Michaelwood, is the inheritance of you John Smyth my sonne, conveyed by mee vnto you vpon your mariage; And which I purchased of the said Sir William Throkmton, and which had discended to him as aforesaid. Smythes land.

Also the said Willm Hickes sonne of Thomas holdeth a messuage in Huntingford and a small parcell of land therto belonginge, which Thomas ap Morgan and Anne his wife, second daughter and coheire of the said David Mathewe and Alice his wife, daughter and heire of Robert Veel aforesaid, by deed dated 17º Martij. 36. H. 8, sold to John Hickes clothier; which Deed is in the custody of Morgan Hicks of Cromhale, who hath divers lands which were the said Willm Hickes's in the pish of Tortworth, which passed in the said Deed; And which also is inrolled before Richard Braine then Justice of Peace and Willm Shottessore then clarke of the peace of this county: Which John Hickes the purchaser was father of John Hicks, father of the said Thomas Hicks, father of the said Willm; Of which discent see more in fol: 93. 103. Hickes land

By deed without date Dñs Robertus le Veel granted vnto Ade de Dursewelle tres acras terræ arrabilis in angulo campi mei qui vocatur Camelham iuxta Muclewood, infra villam meam de Hunteneforde. To hold vnto the said Ade and his heires, vnder the yearely rent of—18d payable at Midsomer and at Michas, pro oibus sectis servicijs et demandis secularibus: Which peece lyeth vnder the south hill of Michaelwood above Damery bridge, (and is reputed within the tythinge of Alkington;) ffrom which Ade de Dursewelle for a course of above 400. yeares, (vz, from the beginninge of H. 3. when this Sir Robt le Veel lived,) this land with a small tenemt in Tortworth of about 40s p ann, is discended in the male line vnto George Duswell sonne of Duswell, the present owner thereof, 1641. Durſewells land.

Kinge H. 3. in the 12th yeare of his raigne did disafforrest his forrest of Horwood, not farre from Sodbury, for 500. markes, paid by the men dwellinge about the same (saith the Record,) And the same yeare for 200. markes more paid by the men of Gloucestershire hee disafforrested all the woods lands and townes inter boscum de furcis prope Bristoll et Hunteneford; et inter aquam de Severne, &c., tàm de venatione, quàm de oibus alijs quæ ad forestam et forestarios pertinent. So that the bounds of huntinge and of the kings game of deere and his progenitors' on the | further side, And the confines of the Lord Berkeleys manor and hundred 238
of The name.

of Berkeley, of their free warren and huntings on this ſide that river and fourd, (both heere at this manor houſe meetinge and bounded with a mutuall ne plus vltrà on either ſide,) may probably ſeeme to have given the name, from that fourd, to the ffarme or hide of land adioyninge therto. Rot. finiū. 12. H. 3. ꝑs. 1. mem : 5. et Rot. cartaꝫ. 12. H. 3. membr. 5. Et 13. H. 3. ꝑs. 1. membr. 18.

By a Deed in Berkeley caſtle without date but in the time of kinge John, Maud la Veel daughter and heire of Harding and of Dioniſe of Huntenford, (wch Maud was wife of Geffry le Veel,) gave a mill and certaine lands in Kingſwood to the Abbot of Kingſwood, in pure Almes ; To which deed are 36 witneſſes ; And this lies next about the Monaſtery.

Kinge John, in the 7th yeare of his raigne, confirmed to Geffry Veel (amongſt many other things) the land hee had of the guift of Robert lord Berkeley with Maud the daughter of Hardinge of Hunteneford in frankmariage, All the land which came to her from her father in Hunteneford, And all the land which came to her from Dioniſia her mother in the ſame towne, with many other parcells in this record perticulerly rehearſed ; And alſo confirmed to him All other lands which hee ſhould afterwards purchaſe of any perſon. Rot. Cartaꝫ. 7. Johis. nº 80. membr. 9.

By a deed without date, which was ſhewed mee by Sir Thomas Throkmorton in 20. Rℓ. Jacobi, wherout I then tooke theis notes, That Robert de Berkeł gave to Geffry Veel and his heires, divers &c. the ſaid Deed is in latin to this effect ; Robtus de Berkeł dedit Galfrido vitulo et heredibus ſuis diverſas parvas parcellas terre in Hunteneford, Et totum aſſartum illud in orientali parte boſci ſui de Muclewood, quod Radulphus ſcai aſſartavit, Reddendo ꝑdcō Roberto et heredibus ſuis quindecim ſolidos per Anū ad feſtm Sci Michis et feſtm Paſche, pro oibus ſervicijs et demandis, Salvo regali ſervicio quantùm ad vnam virgatam terræ pertinet. Et etiam conceſſit viginti porcos, quietos de pannagio in boſco ſuo de Muclewood ꝑdicto, ſive clauſus fuerit ſive non ; Habend et tenend ꝑdcō Galfrido vitulo et heredibus ſuis, &c.

See before, fol. 31, 32.

And alſo in this deed is another parcell of land aſſarted out of the ſaid wood called Muclewood, granted to the ſaid Geffery Veel and his heires, lyinge next Woodyates on the north part, and the meadowe ground called Wingeſmore on the eaſt part, and the ground of the ſaid John Mathew called Huntall on the South part ; And is divided from the other grounds of the ſaid Thomas Graile by a little brooke

brooke on the eaſt and ſouth parts called Camilham, which ground ſoe affarted containes about 8 acres, and is called Woodleies ; And for this ground is paid—6d. towards the kings ffifteene or tenth when it is granted by parliament, with the tythinge or manor of Alkington.

By Inq : in 6to. Jac̃. after the death of the ſaid Sir Thomas Throkmorton, it is found that hee died feized in fee of the manor of Huntingford, holden of the lord Berkeley as of his manor of Berkeley by knight ſervice : And alſo of divers ſmall parcells of land in Huntingford, And of a certaine affart in the eaſt part of Michaelwood wood containinge 8. acres, other then the manor of Huntingford aforeſaid, holden of the heire of Robert de Berkeley by—15s. yearly rent, but by what other ſervices the Jury knewe not ; And that hee died 31 Januar̃. 5to. Jacobi, And that Willm was his ſonne and heire, 28. yeares old.

Rot. Clauſ̃, in arce London̄. 18. E. 3. ps. 1. in dorſo, containes a procedendo in the ſute betweene Katherine the widowe of Sir Peter le Veel, and Jone the widowe of Henry le Veel, for the third part of the manor of Huntingford and of Oldbury iuxta Thornbury. |

The payment of the ffifteenth and Tenth goeth with 239 ffifteene.

In the laſt Subſedy in 5to. Regis Caroli, were only two Subſedy men in this hamblet, who paid—14s. 8d. Subſedy.

In a°. 6to. Jacobi, vpon a generall Muſter, were 4. able men betweene 20. and 60 yeares old, ſerviceable for warre. Able men.

And nowe, 1639, hath of Trayned ſouldiers , vnder Thomas Veel Eſq. their Captaine, wherof Souldiers.

And if the whole Divition of Berkeley bee taxed at—100li. then this hundred paies therof—33li. 3s. And this hamblet of Huntingford—5s. wherof the ffarme paies the one halfe, and the reſt of the inhabitants the other. Rates.

The whole hamblet or Tithinge conſiſts but of 5 tenements beſides the farme, In all which at this day are 27 foules. See after in Wotton fol : 415. People.

More

More of this farme or manor or tythinge of Huntingford may bee read in theis Records, none of which are formerly mentioned ; vz

Liber feod̄ miłtum in Sc̄c̄io. in temp : E. 1.
Inq : 19. H. 7. pt mortem David̄ Mathew miłtis.—per fervic̄ mił.
Inq : 20. H. 7. pt mortem Wiłłi Veel.—per fervic̄ militare.
Trinity Records 20. H. 7. Rot. 3. in Sc̄c̄io, c̄m Rem̄ Thefauř.—per ferv: mił.
Inq : 23. H. 7. pt mortem Wiłłi Veel.
Originałł : 2. H. 8. Rot. 54. in Sc̄c̄io, c̄m Rem̄ Thefauř.—per fervic̄ mił.
Originał. 3. H. 8. Rot. 42. in Sc̄c̄io c̄m Rem̄ Thefauř.
Inq : 3. H 8. pt mortem Katherinæ Ogan in Sc̄c̄io.
Originałł. 7. H. 8. et 8. H. 8. Rot. 35. in Sc̄io pred̄.
Inq : 10. H. 8. pt mortem Henrici Ogan.—per fervic̄ mił.
Hiłł : records. 11. H. 8. Rot. 7. in Sc̄io p̄d.
Mich̄ : Records 12. H. 8. Rot. 28. in Sc̄io p̄d.—per fervic̄ mił.
Inq : 36. H. 6. pt mortem Joh̄is Veel : with a good court roll the fame yeare ;—per fervicium militare.
Mich̄as rec̄. 13. H. 8. Rot. 11. in Sc̄c̄io.
Pafch̄ : rec̄. 2. E. 6. Rot. 32. in Sc̄c̄io p̄d.
Inq : 10. Eliz. pt mortem Thomæ Throkm̄ton miłtis.
Inq : 12. pt mortem Johannæ Cornwall.—per fervic̄ mił.
Inq : 42. Eliz. ps. 2. poft mortem Thomæ Hickes.
Carta irrotulať in Cancellař, 6. Jac̄. inter Throkm̄ton et Tracy.
ffinis in banco, 13. Jac : Term̄ pafche, Inter Bainton Tracy et Throkm̄ton.
Carta irrot̄ in banco, Pafch̄ : 13. Jac : Rot. 33. inter Bainton et Tracy.
Vltima voluntas Edr̄i Bainton p̄d̄, about aº 14º Jacobi.
Inqu : 6. Jac : pt mortem Thomæ Throkm̄ton miłtis.—per fervic̄ mił.
Court roll of Wotton fforren, 36. H. 6. Joh̄es le Veel Ař obijt f̄c̄itus de manerio de Huntingford, ten̄ per medietatem feodi miłtis.—Redd̄—15s et Sec̄ de 3. feptimañ in tres feptim̄, et mountuař, vñ equs et vna cella et freno cum alia armatura, et Rob̄tus eft filius et heres 26. annoꝝ. |

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Hurst.

Hurst : anciently written **Herst** and **Hirst** ; wherof George Lord Berkeley is Lord ; A manor lyinge within the parifh of Slimbridge, confiftinge of the fmall hamblets of Gofington, of which I have before written in fol: 203, and of Kingfton,

Morend

Morend, Woodwards greene, and Hurſt it ſelfe, which giveth name to the wholl manor and tithinge.

It ſeems the name is derived from the ſituacõn of the Capitall meſſuage or manor houſe called Hurſt or Hirſt farme, at this day rented at—211li p annñ, ſeated vpon the vppermoſt riſinge or topp of a ſmall hill in a plaine, In old Saxon Engliſh called an Hirſt; or in thother old ſenſe of Herſt which in the ſame tongue is a wood, it well agreeth with this manor houſe, ſeated in and by the woods of Chiſelhungre, Priors wood, Redwood, Brandwood and others, for moſt part converted nowe into paſture and arrable grounds.

By an Inq: in 42. E. 3. after the death of Maurice Lord Berkeley the 4th Lord of that name, this manor is found to bee holden of the Lord Clifford of the North, wherwith alſo agreeth the Certiorare of that record in 16. H. 6. But more truly, I take this manor to bee an ancient parcell of the manor and Barony of Berkeley, and holden of the kinge by knight ſervice in Capite, though it bee not mentioned in the booke of Domeſdei, nor in any record that I have obſerved before the raigne of kinge H. 3; and paſſed to Robert the ſonne of Hardinge by the grant of kinge H. 2. vnder the name of Came, with all the reſt of the Berewic or members appertaininge then to Berkeley, which fee before in fol: 7. et 8. Otherwiſe Came neither had nor hath ſoe many hides of land as are mentioned in Domeſdei booke.

Freeholds within this manor and tithinge of Hurſt and the hambletts therof, of moſt remarkeablenes, vz, Ryvers lands als Archers.

In the hamblet of Kingſton principally, but ſcatteredly throughout the whole manor of Hurſt and pariſh of Slimbridge, are certaine freehold lands comonly and of old called Rivers lands, but from a later owner often alſo called Archers land, as after followeth; holden of George lord Berkeley as of his manor of Hurſt aforeſaid, by knight ſervice, heriot ſervice, and ſute to his hundred court of Berkeley from 3. weeke to 3 weekes, and by the yearly rent of paid to this manor of Hurſt, and paid to the manor of Slimbridge.

The originall creation of the tenure of this land is found by verdict of a Jury at Glouc vpon an Aſſiſe tryed before William de Saham and his fellowe Juſtices itinerant, entred in the comõm pleas records in Eaſter terme, 15. E. 1. Rotulo 3. in dorſo; which ſhewes that Thomas Lord Berkeley (the firſt of that name) in the time of kinge H. 3. therof enſeoffed one Alured de Kingſton in fee, who had iſſue Richard

Richard de Kingſton, who had iſſue Robert de Kingſton knight, who for theis lands, was in ward to Thomas lord Berkeley (the ſecond of that name) grandchilde of the ſaid lord Thomas the ffeoffor; which Sir Robert died without iſſue, And that Alice was his ſiſter and heire, maried to Madreſdon, who (ſurvivinge her huſband) did by the name of Agnes de Madreſdon in 5. E. 2. gave the ſame to Richard de riparijs and to Sara de Hagle her neece in marriage, and to his heires, by the name of a Meſſuage and a carucate of land in Kingſton and Goſington, ſomtimes the | 242 lands of Robert de Kingſton. To which Richard de Riparijs (als Ryvers) and the ſaid Sara his wife, and to the heires of the ſaid Richard, Thomas lord Berkeley the third of that name by his deed in 4. E. 3. granted comon of paſture vpon the warth called Slimbridge warth, for all his tenants of his ſaid lands and tenements in Kingſton, Goſington, Slimbridge, and Hurſt, at all times of the yeare, without any thinge payinge or doinge for the ſaid comon in the name of Agiſtment: which deed, copied lately by mee out of the originall vnder ſeale remaininge with Joſeph Bridger of Goſington hall, is in theis words.—Univerſis Chriſti fidelibus preſens ſcriptum viſuris vel audituris, Thomas de Berkeley Dñs de Berkeley ſalutem in Dño. Noveritis me conceſſiſſe et preſenti ſcripto confirmaſſe, dno Richardo de Rivers et Sare vxori eius, cõiam paſturæ in quadam placea paſture vocata le Warth, quæ quidem placea iacet inter aquam Sabriñ ex vna parte, et villatas de Kingſton et Slimbrugg ex altera parte, vz, comunicand in paſtura pdca cum õibus ſuis tenentibus in terris et tentis ſuis de Kingeſton, Goſington, Slimbrugg, et Hurſt, quocunq; tempore anni. Habend et tenend cõiam paſtur pdcam cum õibus ſuis pertineñ pfat Rico et Saræ et heredebus pdci Rici, liberè, quietè, bene et in pace, abſque aliquo mihi vel heredibus meis dando vel faciendo pro cõia pdca nomine agiſtiament vel aliquo alio modo imperpetuum. In cuius rei teſtimonium huic ſcripto preſenti ſigillum meum appoſui, Hijs teſtibus, Robto de Aſton, Willmo de Chiltenham. Johanne Sergeant, Rico Billinge, Joe Colines et alijs. Datū apud Berkeley in feſto circumciſionis Dñi, Anno regni regis Edwardi tertij a conqueſtu quarto. A priviledge continued to this day, 1639. ffrom the poſſeſſion of which Richard Rivers theis lands have the name of Rivers lands frequently in the ſpeach of each inhabitant there.

The ſaid Richard Rivers, afterwards a knight, ſonne of Robert de riparijs, had to his ſecond ſonne to whom hee gave theis lands, Richard Rivers, who alſo had iſſue Richard Rivers, who left iſſue Iſable and Jone, his two daughters and coheires. Iſable the eldeſt daughter was maried to Clavild, who had iſſue Richard Clavild a marchant of Briſtoll, who died in 1. E. 5. leaving iſſue Richard Clavild, who

who died in 2. R. 3. without iſſue; wherby his lands reſorted to ſeeke an heire in the iſſues of Jone his grandmothers ſiſter; which Jone was married to John Archer ſonne of Thomas Archer, who had iſſue betweene them John Archer; And the ſaid Jone died in 8. H. 5. In whoſe raigne died alſo the ſaid John Archer her ſonne, leavinge iſſue John Archer who died in , leaving iſſue Thomas Archer who died in 23. H. 7. leaving iſſue two daughters and coheires, vz, Jone firſt maried to Richard Hanis, and ſecondly to Robert Taylor, by both whom ſhee had iſſue as followeth; And Iſable her ſiſter was maried to Richard Spratton.

The ſaid Jone by Richard Hanis her firſt huſband who died in 25. H. 8. had iſſue Thomas Hanis, who died in 2º Eliz. leavinge iſſue Thomas Hanis, who died in 36. Eliz. leaving iſſue Wiłłm Hanis, who with his eldeſt ſonne have aliened all the purpart that belonged to them ſoe that nothinge remaineth. And the ſaid Jone by the ſaid Robert Taylor her ſecond huſband had iſſue Wiłłm Taylor, who died leavinge iſſue John Taylor, father of John Taylor yet livinge, who and his ſonne Humphrey Taylor have in 21. Jacobi, and in 2º Rꝯ Caroli, aliened all their lands which their anceſtor had from the ſaid Jone, to Ambroſe Huntley ałs Simonds and his heires, except one houſe and orchard called Dukes place, wheron the ſaid John Taylor now dwelleth, 1639. and one cloſe conť 3. acres neere the ſame, which alſo were parcell of theis lands called Rivers lands: And by the death of the ſaid Ambroſe Huntley ałs Simonds in 8º Caroli, | his ſonne Stephen then of 243
the age of 13. yeares became in ward to the Lord Berkeley, and ſoe yet is.

And the ſaid Richard Spratton and Iſable his wife, ſecond daughter and coheire of the ſaid Thomas Archer, aliened in 21. H. 7. their part of theis Rivers lands to Thomas Cooke of Saliſbury, who died in 15. H. 8. leavinge iſſue Wiłłm Cooke, who died in leavinge iſſue Thomas Cooke, who in Eliz. ſold the ſame to Richard Trotman, who died in Jacobi, and was father of Edward Trotman, by whoſe death in 16. Jač, his ſonne Richard Trotman, who yet liveth, became in ward for the ſame to the Lady Eliz. Berkeley widowe, who then had the manors of Hurſt and Slimbridge in Joincture: ffor more wherof ſee my booke of Wardſhips and Releiſes, fol: 17. 18. And by the death of the ſaid Richard ſonne of Edward in 15. Cař, Richard his ſonne was in ward, As his office in 16to Cař. ſheweth: And how hee diſpoſed of part of his lands to 4. of his yonger ſonnes; See after fol: 244, 248, 249, 250.

The ſaid Iſable the elder of the two daughters and coheires of Richard Rivers, maried to Clavild, vpon the death of their grandchilde Richard Clavild in 2. R. 3. leaſt

leaſt ſuch an entaile of part of their ſaid lands called Rivers lands as brought a good portion of them to Richard Tindall, who died in leavinge iſſue John Tindall who died in 6. H. 8. leavinge iſſue Richard Tindall iuñ of Southend in Stinchcombe; By whoſe death in 15. Eliz. the ſame diſcended to his 2 daughters and coheires, vz, Katherine maried to Robert Aſhton, and to Alice maried to Thomas Aſhton, two brothers to two ſiſters, who betweene them have likewiſe ſold all away as after in part ſhall appeare; The evidences which make good what is before written touchinge theis Rivers lands, have beene lent mee to peruſe by the ſaid Willm Hanis, and John Taylor: The reſidue are either in Berkeley caſtle, or in theis Records followinge not formerly mentioned; vz,

Inq: 23. H. 7. pt mortem Thome Archer, virtute officij: but filed in the bundle of 3. H. 7. by a miſtake of the clarkes.

Recuperatio in termi Michis, 21. H. 7. Rot. 453. per Cooke, verſus Ricum Sprotton et Iſabellā vxorē eius.

Inq: 15. H. 8. pt mortē Thomæ Cooke.

ffinis in banco in Michias terme. 22. et 30. Eliz. pro Pleadall.

Inq: 30. Eliz. pt mortē Rici Tindall.

Inq: 33. Eliz pt mortē Idci Rici Tindall, Melius Inquirend.

Inq: 15. Caroli pt mortē Mathei Smyth.—per ſerviciū militare.

Inq: 7. Car. virtute officij, pt mortē Simonis Ludby,—per ſervic mit et heriet

Inq: 8. Car. pt mortē Ambroſij Huntley ats Simonds,—per ſervic mit.

Inq: 37. E. 3. in ſccio pro feod ſpectañ ad Manriū de Berkeley.

Inq: 2. Caroli, pt mortē Rici Bower,—per ſervic mit et heriet.

Inq: 6. Jacobi, pt mortē Willi Huntley,—per ſervic mit.—a wardſhip.

Inq: 2. Caroli, pt mortē Willi Teele:—per ſervic mit.—et heriet.

Grant of Willm Effingtons wardſhip 2o Caroli, to Laur Bridger,—for part of Rivers land,—per ſervic mit et heriet.

Inq: 9. Caroli, pt mortē Thome Davis,—per ſervic mit et heriet.

Grant of Richard Trotmans wardſhip and heriots, 2o Jac, vt antea.

Grant of the wardſhip of Anne daughter of Willm Huntley in 6. Jac, to mee, And my aſſignement to her mother; wch Anne died in 8. Jacobi.

Court Roll of Hurſt 6. H. 8, John Tindall died &c; cap: meſs called Rivers, &c: p ſervic militare, et heriet. wardſhip. And 1. E. 5. when Richard Clayſeild died,—per ſervic mit. et heriet.

Inq: 16. Rē Caroli, pt mortē Johis Trotman, filij Mauricij, fit juñ. Willi Trotman filij juñ. Johis Trotman.—per ſervic militare. |

Inq: 16.

Inq: 16. Regis Caroli, p^t mortē Rici Trotman apud Tetbury: Wardſhip and two heriotts, vt antea. 244

Alicia de Kingſton aforeſaid, by her deed without date about the end of kinge H. 3, granted to Maurice lord Berkeley and his heires All the ſervices of Robert de Dounton her nephewe and of his heires, of thoſe lands and tenements which ſometimes were Robert de Kingſton's her brother, which are by knight ſervice: ffor which the ſaid lord Maurice paid—5^li.

Rot. pateñ 25. E. 1. ps. 2. in dorſo rotuli; Thomas de Kingſton arr̃ aſſiſã verſus Thomã Dñũ de Berkeley et al, de 50. acr̃ terre in Slimbridge.

Theis lands called Rivers lands have afforded 10 ſeverall wardſhips to the Lords of the Seignoury ſince I was Steward of this manor of Hurſt; As appeareth in a velam booke in quarto careſully kept by mee: And nowe are the ſeverall inheritances of theis 36. perſons; vz,

Richard Trotman, now in ward, 1640, ſonne of Richard, ſonne of Edward, ſonne of Richard, (of whom, ſee before, fol: 243.) holdeth a meſſuage in Kingſton in the pariſh of Slimbr̃, with 40. acres of land therto belonginge, mentioned in an office after the death of Richard Trotman the father, found virtute officij in 16. Rę Caroli; ſhewinge alſo how hee bequeathed pte of his lands to 4. of his yonger ſonnes, as followes, fol: 248.

Joſeph Bridger, ſonne of Lawrance Bridger, clarke.

Richard Bower, ſonne of Richard who died in 18° Jacobi, as an Inq: in 2° Caroli ſhewes, ſeiſed of 3. Cottages and 10 acres of land, holden by knight ſervice and heriott, and 8^d ob̃. rent: which Richard, at the death of his ſaid father, was vnder the age of 9. yeares.

Giles Parke. |

William Eſſington. 245

Robert ffrape,

John

John Taylor,

Vrian Wife, geñ.

The heires of Humphrey Taylor,

John Thaier, fonne of John,

Thomas Smyth, fonne of Mathewe, holdeth 2. meffuages and 2. acres and a quarter in Slimbridge and Came, therto belonginge, pcell of theis Rivers lands; holden of the lord Berkeley as of his manor of Hurft by fute to his hundred Court of Berkeley from 3. weekes to 3 weekes, and by knight fervice: ffor which fee a very perticuler and exact office in 15. Caroli, found by himfelfe.

John Lewis,

Edward Bower, |

246 Arthur Bridger,

Robert Davis holdeth one clofe of meadowe called Tachcroft containinge 6. acres, and 3. acres of arrable land in the feilds called the Linch and Southworthy, which hee purchafed of Simon Munden and Richard Munden, to whom Simon Ludby devifed the fame in fee in 7. Rꝰ Caroli, havinge formerly purchafed the fame of John Taylor and Humphrey his fonne, As by office found in 7. Caroli, after the death of the faid Simon Ludby appeareth.

William Sheppard in right of Margaret Bromwich his wife, the reverc̃on to

Maurice Edwards,

Guy

Guy Heathfeild tenant by the curtefy after the death of Elizabeth his wife, daughter and

John Ward in right of Edith Davis his wife,

Andrew Pegler,

John Wood,

Thomas Powell, |

Elizabeth, one of the 3. daughters and coheires of Thomas Lucas, 247

Mathea, one other of the 3. daughters and coheires of Thomas Lucas,

Agnes, one other of the 3. daughters and coheires of Thomas Lucas,

Nathaniell Cowley,

Richard Smyth, clerke, in right of Mary his wife one of the three ſiſters and coheires of Wiłłm Hardinge, ſonne of Richard

Elizabeth, one other of the 3 ſiſters and coheires of the ſaid William Hardinge, ſonne of Richard,

Sara, one other of the 3 ſiſters and coheires of the ſaid Wiłłm Hardinge ſonne of Richard,

Richard

Richard Peglar,

Richard Andrewes,

Thomas ffreame, in right of Alice his wife, daughter and heire of |

248 Stephen Huntley als Simonds, fonne of Ambrofe, for

Simon Ludby,

John Ludby, in right of his wife, daughter

Elizabeth Bower, daughter of

Samuell Trotman, brother and heire of John, fonnes of Maurice Trotman of Bradfton, holdeth one Clofe of meadowe called the breach, containinge 4 acres in Slimbridge, which the faid Maurice by Deed dated 6. Julij. a° 17° R℞ Jacobi purchafed of the faid Willm Hanis and Thomas his fonne ; ffor which fee an Inq : virtute officij found after the death of the faid Maurice, 9. Aprill. a° 16° R℞ Jacobi.

William Trotman. See after, fol : 249, for the 4 fonnes of Richard before mentioned, fol : 244.

Selewins lands in Hurft, pcell of Came, olim Brayfords.

Heere alfo in this Tithinge of Hurft are certaine lands containinge about acres, called Selewins lands, holden of George lord Berkeley as of his manor of Came by knight fervice, heriot fervice, fute of Court, and the yearly rent of—10° yearly paid to that manor of Came, which had from the time of kinge Edward the firft, (if not longe before,) continued by a lineall difcent in the firname of Selewine; whofe longe feizin hath faftened vpon them the comon name of Selwins lands; And were in Jacobi, aliened by Thomas Selewine, fonne of Richard who died in

in , ſonne of Thomas who died in 5to Eliz., ſonne of Richard who died in 25. H. 8, ſonne of who died in ; And are nowe in a° 1639. the ſeverall inheritances of divers ffreeholders, wherof Edward Trotman of the Middle Temple, a Reader in Court, late held a meſſuage and 18. acres of the ſaid land in Hurſt, And of the ſaid rent of—10s was apportioned to pay—6s 3d ; nowe the inheritance of Beniamin | Bridger, with whom ſuch ancient deeds of this land remaine, 249
as when I once expoſtulated with the ſaid Thomas Selwine why hee would ſell away his lands which ſoe many ages had continued with his foreſathers, Hee replyed Why, what ſhould I keepe ſuch land, when noe man could read my deeds they were growne ſoe old : And of William Cowley who holdeth a meſſuage and one acre late by him purchaſed of John ffrape, And of the ſaid rent payeth by like apportionment—xd And of Wiłłm Buddinge who holdeth 3. acres in Cams ſeild and in Southworthy, And of the ſaid—10s rent paieth—1d And of Robert Davis ſonne of Thomas Davis, who holdeth 3. acres in Hinworthy ſeild, and one acre in the Linchſeild, and one acre in Cams ſeild, and of the ſaid rent paieth—4d And of Richard Smyth, clerke, in right of Mary his wiſe, Elizabeth, and Sara, the 3. ſiſters and coheires of Wiłłm Hardinge, who hold 4. acres of paſture called Hurſt leis, and 6. acres in , and pay—2s 6d rent ſoe apportioned ; who makes vp the foreſaid—10s

Also one acre of this land was aliened by Richard Selewine to John Trotman of Vpthorp in Came, lyinge by Halmers lane in Came ; late the land of Wiłłm ſonne of Wiłłm Trotman of Wotton by the laſt Will of Katherine his ſiſter, to whom her huſband the ſaid John Trotman by his will deviſed the ſame in ſee ; now the land of Gylmins land.

Inq : 9. Caroli, pt mortē Thome Davis p̄d. tent̃ p ſervic̃ militare, et heriet̃. See the Court rolls of Came, 25. H. 8., 5. Eliz.

Heere alſo are certaine lands in Kingſton containinge about acres, nowe the inheritance of ; lyinge in Kingſton, late in the tenure of John Gilmin als Gilman, ſonne of John, who died , ſonne of Wiłłm who died ſonne of James who died , ſonne of John who by deed dated 16 Maij, Anno 20. H. 7. purchaſed the ſame of John Davis of Durſley, and hee of Wiłłm ffreame, And—

I conceive it to bee truly ſaid by the Inhabitants, That they have two Com̄ons within their tythinge, of different conditions ; one called the Eylands, reputed as part Woodwards greene.

part of Slimbridge warth, which will cure rotten ſheepe, at leaſt make them fat for the butcher: The other called Woodwards greene, that ſodainly will rott a ſound ſheepe, at leaſt bringe him from a noble to nine pence.

More of Rivers Lands.

Willm Trotman, ſecond ſonne of Richard, ſonne of Edward, holdeth by the laſt will and Teſtament of the ſaid Richard his father, dated 7° Julij. 16to Rꝑ Caroli. 1640, one meſſuage, cottage, and an orchard adioyninge, called Berrymeads houſe, and two cloſes called berrymeads leies, cont̃ about 6. acres, in Slimbridge, in the tenure of Richard Pegler; which was deviſed to him in fee; ffor which ſee an Inquiſic̃on taken by the Eſcheator at Tetbury, virtute officij ſui, 22. die Sept. aº p̃dc̃o.

John Trotman, third ſonne of the ſaid Richard, ſonne of Edward, holdeth by the ſaid laſt will and teſtament of his ſaid father, deviſed to him in fee, one tenement or Cottage with an orchard and parcell of paſture ground adioyninge, called Dekins houſe, in Slimbridge aforeſaid, nowe in the tenure of John Naſon: ffor which alſo ſee the ſaid Inquiſic̃on in Sept̃ Aº 16. Rꝑ Caroli, aforeſaid. |

250 Thomas Trotman, 4th ſonne of the ſaid Richard, ſonne of Edward, holdeth by the ſaid laſt will and Teſtament of his ſaid father, deviſed to him in fee, one tenement or cottage with an orchard adioyninge called Adens houſe, and a ſellion or rudge of paſture ground, and one ſellion or rudge of arrable land, in Slimbridge aforeſaid, nowe in the tenure of Simon Longe.

And alſo one acre of meadowe ground called Squire acre in Little moore in Slimbridge aforeſaid, in the tenure of Stephen Symonds; ffor which alſo ſee the ſaid Inqu: taken at Tetbury, Aº 16. Rꝑ Caroli aforeſaid.

Samuell Trotman 5th ſonne of the ſaid Richard, ſonne of Edward, holdeth by the ſaid laſt will and Teſtament of his ſaid father, which hee deviſed to him in fee ſimple, One parcell of meadowe or paſture ground called Throughbridge, cont̃ about an acre, in Slimbridge aforeſaid; ffor wch ſee alſo the ſaid Inquiſic̃on taken at Tetbury Aº 16. Rꝑ Caroli p̃d.; ffor all which laſt 4 deviſees lands, and for the meſſuage and 40 acres diſcended to Richard Trotman, eldeſt ſonne of the ſaid Richard, is paid alſo to the manor of Hurſt the yearly rent of—6s 9d And to the Manor of Slimbridge the yearly rent of—iijd |

Kingescote:

Kingescote.

Kingescote: In Domesdai booke written Chingescote; wherin Willm the Conqueror had, as that booke speaketh, fower hides of land in Demesne; holden of George lord Berkeley as of his manor of Berkeley by halfe a knights fee, and sute to his hundred court of Berkeley from 3. weekes to 3. weekes.

A manor wherof Anthony Kingescote Esq, is lord, consistinge of 30 families, In reputacõn a parish, but re vera a Chaple within the parish and belonging to the mother Church of Beverston; yet vseth all Ecclesiall rites there which belonge to a parish, as to christen infants, bury the dead, marry, receive the Sacrament, &c. In like sort as at Nibley a Chaple to Wotton; Stinchcombe a Chaple to Came; Stone and Hill, Chaples to Berkeley; and some others in this hundred, without any relation in outward observance to those their mother churches. Chaple.

This manor and tithinge of Kingscote was by kinge H. 2. in the first yeare of his raigne, given to Robert the sonne of Hardinge and his heires, with many others, then parcell of his Barony of Berkeley; whereof the said Robert was then by that grant created a Baron of parliament and peere of the Realme, accordinge to the manner of those times: wherof I have formerly written in fo. 7. et 78. And in my history bookes of his family in the lives of the said lord Robert, fol: 60 in my first daught [draft?]; and in the lives of the lord Robert the second, And of the lord Thomas the first.

Shortly after which grant, the Lord Robert gave this Kingescote to Nigell the sonne of Arthur, in mariage with Aldena his daughter, To hold of him by halfe a knights fee, which guift the said kinge Henry the second by his deed confirmed; both which I have seene vnder seale with Mr Anthony Kingescote: Which Nigell made Combe the Joincture of the said Aldena, as witnesseth another deed with him.

The said Nigell and Aldena had issue betweene them, Adam and Robert: Adam had issue Richard, who after his fathers death and his owne full age died without issue, leavinge the said Robert his vncle to bee his heire; which Robert had issue Nigell and Richard, To which Nigell and his heires Robert lord Berkeley, the second of that name, in the time of kinge R. I. by the name of Robert de Berkeley, sonne of Maurice, sonne of Robert sonne of Hardinge, confirmed this manor of Kingescote; which, saith the deed, (which I have seene,) Robert his grandfather

grandfather gave to Nigell his grandfather in mariage with Aldena his daughter: which Nigell afterwards died without iſſue, leavinge the ſaid Richard his brother and heire; Which Richard had iſſue Nigell, who died in 12. E. 2. and was father of Wiłłm, father of Nicholas, father of [William] Henry, father of John who died in the life time of his father, leavinge iſſue Wiłłm who was ward to William Lord Berkeley, father of William who died in 16. H. 8, and was father of Wiłłm who died in 32. H. 8, and was father of William who died in 25. Eliz., father of Chriſtopher who died in 5to Jacobi and was father of the ſaid Anthony that nowe holdeth the ſame, A°. 1639.

q: of this Henry, if any ſuch.

I have alſo ſeene a Deed wherby Maurice de Berkeley, the firſt of that name, in the latter end of the raigne of kinge H. 2. confirmed to Adam his nephewe, ſonne of Nigell, ſonne of Arthur, the Manor of Kingeſcote, which Robert the ſonne of Hardinge his father, gave to the father of the ſaid Adam, and to Aldena ſiſter of him the ſaid Maurice, To hold of him by halfe a knights fee for all ſervices.

Vpon Exchanges of late time made by Chriſtopher Kingeſcote, ſome ſmall parts of this manor are nowe the ſeverall inheritances of Wiłłm Workeman, Richard Heaven, John Waight and |

252 It may be ſaid of this ancient gentleman and of his family, as doubtles of noe other in this county nor I thinke of many others in this kingdome, That hee and his lineall anceſtors have continued in this little manor nowe about 500. yeares, never attainted nor dwellinge out of it elſe where; nor hath the tide of his Eſtate higher or lower flowed or ebbed in better or worſe condition; But like a fixed ſtarre in his firmament, to have remained without motion in this his little orbe, without any remarkeable change; And as the name of his firſt anceſtor that is not periſhed, —**Ansgerus**, importeth, is hereditarily a Saxon.

By patent roll 37. H. 3. Barthoł de Owlepen arr̃ aſſiſam ve[r]ſus Nigellum de Kingeſcote de comunia paſture in Kingeſcote.

An ancient booke of knights fees with the lord Treaſorers Remembrancer in the Exchequer, fol: 337. hath thus; Ricardus de Kingeſcote tenet dimidiū feodum in Kingeſcote de Thoma de Berkeley.

By Inquiſicon in 14. E. 1. after the death of Anſelme de Gurney lord of Beverſton it is found, that he died ſeiſed of a yard land and of one wood pertaininge to Kingeſcote, holden of Richard de Kingeſcote by the yearly rent of—12d

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The payment of the ffifteenth or Kingſilver, goeth togeather in one ſom̄e with Owlpen: The onus or burden of both is—4$^{li.}$ 2$^{s.}$ ob̄. The deduction is—18$^{s.}$ The Remaine paid into the Exchequer by the Collector is—3$^{li.}$ 4$^{s.}$ ob̄. wherof Kingeſcote payeth— . ffifteene.

In the laſt Subſedy in a$^{o.}$ 5$^{to.}$ Caroli were 9. ſubſedy men who paid—3$^{li.}$ 5$^{s.}$ 4$^{d.}$ to the kinge in this tithinge. Subſedy.

In a$^{o.}$ 6$^{to.}$ Regis Jacobi vpon a generall muſter were—33. able men ſerviceable for the warres betweene 20. and 60. yeares old, wch ſhewed themſelves before the Lord Leiutenant. Able men.

And nowe hath of trayned ſouldiers vnder Edward Stephens Eſq$_{ꝫ}$ their captaine, . Souldiers.

And if the whole divition of Berkeley bee taxed at 100$^{li.}$ this hundred of Berkeley payeth thereof—33$^{li.}$ 3$^{s.}$ And this Tithinge or manor of Kingeſcote—20$^{s.}$ And ſoe after that rate. Rates.

Freeholds in the tythinge of Kingeſcote.

Heere is one meſſuage called Bares court, with 12. acres of land therto belonginge, holden of the kinge by knight ſervice in capite, which Henry lord Berkeley by deed dated 10. Junij a$^{o.}$ 9$^{o.}$ R^{e} Jacobi, granted to Wiłłm Shipton and his heires; And was till that time reputed parcell of the ſaid Lords Manor of Wotton ffforren: And is nowe, 1639. the inheritance of — Shiptons land called Barres Court.

Heere alſo are certaine lands called Redecroſts, lyinge betweene the old leies and the Larder, containinge acres, now the inheritance of purchaſed of Thorpe by deed in a$^{o.}$; which had continued in his anceſtors poſſeſſion from the time of E. 1. if not longe before, wherof reade more in Waniſwell: And then were the lands of Thomas de Stone, And by Alice his daughter and coheire came to | John Swonhunger, and ſoe to the name of Thorpe, as there appeares fol: 368. 369. 370. And by 4. other Deeds, which I have ſeene, all without date, Nigell of Kingſcote gave totam illam dimidiam virgatam terræ in territorio de Haſilcote, to Alice his daughter and her heires, Rendringe a roſe for all ſervices, Salvo regali ſervicio, &c. which is knight ſervice. One of which 4. deeds is to her in taile, and are nowe in Berkeley caſtle. Thorps land nowe

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Lokiers land

By an Inquiſicon in 5to Jacobi, Leonard Lockier is found to dye ſeized in fee, in ao 3cio Re Jacobi pd, of a meſſuage and 15. acres of land and 7. acres of paſture in Kingeſcote, holden of Chriſtopher Kingeſcote of Kingeſcote Eſq, by the 40th part of a knights fee; And that John Lockier was his ſonne and heire 4. yeares old, whoſe wardſhip the ſaid Chriſtopher had: And after his full age ſold his ſaid lands to Anthony Kingeſcote aforeſaid, ſonne and heire of the ſaid Chriſtopher, wherby, the menalty[1] beinge deſtroied, the ſaid meſſuage and lands came to bee holden imediately of the ſaid George lord Berkeley, as the reſt of that manor is.

Willus dns de Kingeſcote, by deed in 5. E. 3, releaſed for that yeare to the Abbot of Kingſwood vnam faldam ducentaz ovium, quas tenebatur invenire ſuper terras pdci Willi in campo de Kingeſcote.

More of this Tithinge or Manor of Kingeſcote is to bee read in theis Deeds and Records not formerly mentioned.

Diuſæ Cartæ cum Anthonio Kingeſcote pd, a me bis perlectæ.
Diuſæ Cartæ cum Dno Berkeley in caſtro ſuo de Berkeley.
Rot. pipæ. 3. R. 1. in ſcio.
Inq: 15. E. 2. de terris inimicorū dni Regis in com Glouc.—p ſervic militare.
Inq: 19. E. 2. pt mortem Nigelli de Kingeſcote.—p ſervic mil.
Inq: 16. H. 8. pt mortem Willi Kingeſcote.—p ſervic mil.
Inq: 32. H. 8. pt mortē Willi Kingeſcote. p ſervic mil.
Rot. finiū. 23. H. 8. Term paſche. Rot. 2. Glouc cm Rem Theſaur in ſccio.—p dimid feodi militis.
Michas Rec. 7. Eliz. Rot. 66. cm Rem Theſaur in ſcio., which is inſtar omnia for the tenure:—p ſervic militare.
Trin Records. 33. Eliz. Rot. 105. in ſcio, cm Rem Theſaur.
Inq: 37. E. 3. in ſcio de feodis ptinen ad manium de Berkeley.—p quartā pte feodi militis.
Hillar Record. 28. H. 8. in ſcio, cm Rem Theſaur—p ſervic mil.

Liber

[1] Halliwell gives as the meaning of *Menaltie*: "the middle claſſes of people," and cites the following paſſage from Hall's Chronicle in illuſtration: "Which was called the Evyll Parliamente for the nobilitie, the worſe for the *menaltie*, but worſte of all for the commonaltie."

Du Cange, however, explains *Menalgium* as "military ſervice with a horſe." It muſt be uſed in this ſenſe by Smyth. By the ſale of the land by John Lochier to the Lord of Kingſcote the ſervice of the 40th part of a knight's fee, by which it was held ceaſed, or, in Smyth's words, was "deſtroied," for the Lord of Kingſton would render no greater ſervice to the Chief Lord than he did before. Smyth ſhould have written *meſualty*. [Ed.]

Liber feodoꝝ in Sc̃c̃io c̃m Reñi Thesaur̃ temp: E. 1. fol: 337. ib̃m. p dimid̃ feodi mil̃tis.

Carta in castro de Berkeley, 13. E. 4. A wardship had and granted to Nicholas Bay clerke. |

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Kingesweston.

Kingesweston: In the booke of Domesdei written **Westone**, wherin Will̃m the Conqueror had (as that booke saith) 7 hides and one yard land; holden of the Crowne by knight service in Capite, And now the inheritance of Sir John Wintour of Lidney, knight, sonne of Sir Edward Wintour, sonne of Sir Will̃m Wintour vice-Admirall of England, who in the 12th yeare of Queene Eliz. purchased the same of Sir Richard Berkeley of Stoke Gifford knight; And lyeth within the parish of Henbury: Of which family of the Wintours, See before in fol: 226. 255

This manor of Weston nowe altogether called Kingesweston was by kinge H. 2. in the first yeare of his raigne granted (amongst others,) to Robert the sonne of Harding and his heires, then parcell of the great manor of Berkeley, and passed vnder the words in that kings grant of **Berkelei hernesse**, as beinge one of the nookes or corners thereof, neere to the vtter bounds of this county of Glouc̃, not farre from the passage over the river of Hungrode called Crock and pill, leadinge into Somersetshire.

Shortly after which grant of kinge H. 2. to the said Robert the sonne of Harding, hee conveyed the same with the manor of Beverstone to Robert his third sonne and his heires, who was com̃only written Robertus filius Roberti filij Hardingi, and somtimes Robert lord of Were, because his dwellinge was for most part at Were neere Axbridge in the county of Somerset; which Robert de Were had issue Maurice and Eve, and died in temp: Joh̃is. The said Maurice was comonly called Maurice de Gant, and died without issue in 14. H. 3. leavinge this manor with many others to discend to the sonne of the said Eve his sister, who was maried to Gurnay and died in temp: H. 3, before her brother; Between whom was issue Robert de Gurnay who died in 53. H. 3. leavinge issue Anselme de Gurnay who died in 14. E. 1. leavinge issue John de Gurnay who died in 19. E. 1, leavinge issue Elizabeth his only daughter and heire, maried to Sir John ap Adam knight, betweene whom was issue Sir Thomas ap Adam; In what yeare the said Elizabeth died

died I have not obſerved, but the ſaid Sir John her huſband died in 5. E. 2. to both whom the ſaid Sir Thomas ap Adam was ſonne and heire, who in 4. E. 3. ſold this manor of Kingeſweſton, with the other of Elberton (whereof I have already written in fol: 182,) to Sir Maurice Berkeley knight; who leaſt iſſue Sir Thomas Berkeley called of Ewley, who had iſſue Sir Maurice, father of Sir Maurice, father of Sir Willm, father of Richard, father of Sir John, father of Sir Richard Berkeley who in 12°. Eliz. ſold this manor to Sir Willm Wintour as aforeſaid; Of which diſcent ſee before alſo in Beverſton fol: 97. and in Ewley, fol: 185. 192. which againe to expreſſe (as there) in pticuler is needles.

Rot. pateñ. 4. E. 3. pars. 1. membr. 7. ſhewes that kings Licence granted to Sir Maurice Berkeley to demiſe his lands in Kingeſweſton and Ailberton, to his tenants, for yeares or lives.

Placita in banco. Hill: Termi 10. H. 3. Rot. 7. Johes Cordwainer et Willus filius Adami, appo: ſe verſus Johem de Sautemerſh filium Simonis, pro manerio de Weſtun: which I take to bee this.

By Inq: after the death of Katherine lady Berkeley in 9. R. 2. it is found, That ſhee died ſeiſed for life of a meſſuage and a carucate of land in Kingſweſton, holden of Sir John Thorpe knight, as of his manor of Kingeſweſton, by knight
256 ſervice; which Sir John Thorpe was ſecond huſband to | Katherine Berkeley of Stoke Gifford, widowe of Sir Thomas Berkeley, who held in Joincture the ſaid manor of Kingſweſton. Which Katherine died in 11. R. 2. and John Berkeley knight was her ſonne and heire; which is ſoe likewiſe found to bee holden after the death of the ſaid Sir John Berkeley by Inq: in 6. H. 6. But in 38. H. 6. after the death of Sir Maurice Berkeley ſonne of the ſaid Sir John, And in 14. E. 4. after the death of Sir Maurice his ſonne and heire, And in 2. H. 7. after the death of Sir Willm Berkeley his ſonne and heire, the ſaid meſſuage and carucate of land is found to bee holden in Soccage; which nowe is the freehold of Hort and others, lyinge in Lawrence Weſton.

ffifteene. The payment of the ffifteenth or Kingeſilver in this manor goeth with Elberton in all Exchequer Accompts, in one ſome togeather; The onus of both is—10li. 14s. ob. q., The deduction is—26s. 8d. The remaine paid by the Collector into the Exchequer is—9li. 7. 4d. ob. q.

Subſedy. In the laſt Subſedy in a°. 5to Regis Caroli were in this townſhip 13. ſubſedy men, who paid to the kinge—5li. 5s. 4d.

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In a° 6to Jacobi regis vpon a generall muſter were of able men, which out of this townſhip appeared before the Lord Lieutenant, fitt for warres betweene 20 and 60 yeares old,—24. Able men.

And now hath of trayned Souldiers vnder Thomas Cheſter Eſq, their captaine,– Souldiers

And if the wholl Divition of Berkeley bee taxed towards any rate at—100li. This Hundred paies thereof—33li. 3s. And this Kingſweſton—20s., and ſoe after that rate. Rates.

More of this Townſhip and Manor of Weſton, als Kingſweſton, is to bee read in Beverſton, and in theis records, vizt,

Inq: 53. H. 3. pt mortē Robti de Gurnay.
Inq: 14. E. 1. pt mortē Anſelmi de Gurnay.
Inq: 21. E. 3. pt mortē Mauric filij Mauricij de Berkeley.
Inq: 29. E. 3. pt mortē Thomæ Berkeley de Ewley.
Inq: 35. E. 3. pt mortē Thome Berkeley de Ewley.
Inq: 35. E. 3. pt mortē Thomæ Dñi Berkeley.
Inq: 9. R. 2. pt mortē Katherine Berkeley vid de Beverſton.
Inq: 11. R. 2. pt mortē Katherine Berkeley de Stoke.
Inq: 2. H. 4. pt mortē Mauricij Berkeley.
Inq: 9. H. 5. pt mortē Johannæ Berkeley.
Inq: 6. H. 6. pt mortē Johannis Berkeley.
Inq: 4. E. 4. pt mortē Mauricij Berkeley.
Inq: 5. H. 8. pt mortē Ric̄i Berkeley.
Inq: 37. H. 8. pt mortē Johis Berkeley.

Kingeswood.

See in Caldecote. fol: 121. 122. |

Lorrenge. 257

Lorrenge, als Lorwinch; Is a farme houſe neere Berkeley heath of 120li. value p anñ, nowe the inheritance of Thomas Hodges, ſonne of Thomas, holden of the kinge by knight ſervice in Capite; which paies to Leonard Stanley all rates and dues

dues taxed for the vſe or benefit of the Church or poore there, And all other payments to Came and Bradſton, in which two tithings the grounds belonginge to this farme doe lye.

Anciently this farme was parcell of the Manor of Berkeley, and vnder the name of Came paſſed by the grant of kinge H. 2. to Robert the ſonne of Hardinge and his heires, in the beginninge of that kings raigne; By the death of Robert in 17. H. 2. it diſcended to the lord Maurice his ſonne and heire, By whom it was converted into an hoſpitall, called the maſter and brethren of Lorwinge: In whoſe deed of foundation hee expreſſed that hee did the ſame for the proſperity and ſoules health of his two younger ſonnes, Thomas and Maurice; Which Thomas, by the death of Robert eldeſt ſonne of the ſaid Lord Maurice without iſſue, cominge to bee Lord Berkeley, hee about 9. H. 3. five yeares after the death of the ſaid Lord Robert, gave the ſaid hoſpitall or ffarme of Lorwenge to God and to the Abbot of S[t] Peter of Glouč, as beinge pryor of the church of S[t] Leonard of Stanley, and to the monkes of Glouč. there ſervinge God: In which condition it continued till the diſſoluc̃on of that monaſtery in 31. H. 8. when cominge to the Crowne, that kinge, ſhortly after granted the ſame (inter alia) to Sir Anthony Kingſton and his heires: ffrom him it came to Willm Stumpe father of Sir James Stumpe; And from him to Elizabeth his daughter and heire, maried to Sir Henry Knevet, And from them to M[r] Wikes, and from him to John Windoe th'elder, father of John Windowe; and from him to Sir John Pointz of Acton, who ſold the ſame to Sir John Spenſer[1] an Alderman of London, whoſe daughter and heire [Elizabeth] was maryed to [Sir William Compton] Lord Compton, created Earle of Northampton, who ſold the ſame to Sir George Snygge one of the Barons of the Exchequer, who gave the ſame to Anne his daughter, who dyinge without iſſue gave it to her ſiſter, maried to Thomas Hodges, And from her, to Thomas Hodges her ſonne and heire aforeſaid.

Out of which, or rather out of a ground containinge 10. acres and an halfe called Manland, of old occupied therwith, the lord Berkeley hath a cheife rent of— 12[s], reſerved by a Deed without date made by Thomas lord Berkeley the firſt of that name to the Abbot and Covent of S[t] Peter of Glouč, Pryor of Stanley, with a clauſe of Diſtres (if vnpaid) in any of the lands belonginge to this farme of Lorwinge; Which by negligence hath not byn received for 50. yeares laſt paſt.

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[1] Sir John Spenſer was Lord Mayor of London in the 36th of Elizabeth and was emphatically ſtiled *the rich Spenſer*. [Ed.]

By an Inq : in 6. E. 6. after the death of Willm Stumpe, this farme is found to bee holden by knight fervice in Capite, And James Stumpe knight to bee his fonne and heire, 33. yeares old.

By an Inquificon in 5to Eliz : pars. 1. after the death of the faid Sir James Stumpe knight, this farme and divers lands in Clinger als Cleihunger, wherof hee dyed feized, are found to bee holden by knight fervice in Capite ; And that Elizabeth the wife of Sir Henry Knevett is his daughter and heire, 20. yeares old. |

By an Inq : in 30o Eliz : John Windowe th'elder is found to dye feized of 258
this farme of Lawrenge, and of thofe lands in Clinger which hee purchafed of Mr Wikes ; And that John was his fonne and heire, 7. yeares old. See in Wanifwell. fol : 382. |

Longbridge. 259

Longbridge ; is a Chaple and pryory at the north end of Berkeley towne, but without the fame, from which that part of Berkeley called to this day Longbridge ftreete, tooke name ; founded by Maurice lord Berkeley the firft of that name in the later end of the raigne of kinge Henry the fecond, and feemes to have taken that name from a longe wooden bridge which bounded the ground wherin this little Chapple and Priory ftood, towards the weft : In place wherof is a large caufway nowe caft vp pitched with Stone : And the place it felfe where the Chaple and pryory ftood, (whereof I have neere 46. yeares fince feene fome part ftandinge,) is nowe plaine and fruitfull meadowe ground ; wherof havinge written at large in the life of that Lord Maurice in my manufcript hiftory of the family of the Berkeleis,[1] I will heere confine my felfe with this abftract ; That it beinge fuppreffed by the Statute of 1. E. 6. it was by the Lres Patents of Queene Elizabeth dated 31. Decembr. ao rni fui 4to granted to Sir Edward Warner knight and his heires ; wherin it is recited how the faid Queene by her former Lres patents dated 15. Sept. ao 3cio had granted the fame to Ralph Sheldon and the faid Sir Edward Warner and their heires, By the name of all that pryory free chappell or hofpitall of Longbridge., in Longbridge. Slimbridge, Durfley, Nibley, Came, Arlingham, and Berkeley, in the county of Glouc, To hold of the Manor of Eaftgreenwich in free and comon Soccage : All which the faid Sir Edward Warner by his deed inrolled in the Chancery

[1] See "Lives of the Berkeleys," Vol. I., pp. 69 et feq. [Ed.]

Chancery dated 10. Januarij a° 4to Eliz : p̃d, ſold to Nicholas Purſloe and Willm Buckbert and their heires ; And they by like deed inrolled, dated the 23th day of the ſame month, ſold to Richard Denys Eſq, and his heires, who after aliened the ſame to the ſeverall leſſees and occupiers thereof, and their heires ; And is nowe the land of 14 ſeverall perſons, wherof my ſelfe, for a wood called Ewcombs hill or vcombs wood in Nibley, am one ; Richard Browninge for the large paſture grounds in or neere Halmer called Pryors wood, is another ; And John Atwood, for the Scite place of the hoſpitall or Pryory, is an other. And what remained of the ſtones of this Chaple and hoſpitall (of any worth,) vncaried away by others, Henry lord Berkeley about the 20th yeare of Queene Eliz : bought, wherwith hee built the arched ſtone bridge leadinge into the firſt gate of Berkeley caſtle, where a wooden drawbridge was before.

Stile. The Stile of the Warden or Cuſtos of this pryory, in their deeds and leaſes, were ffrater A. cuſtos et prior hoſpitalis ſcæ Trinitatis de Longbridge extra Berkeleiam, et eiuſdem loci fratres et ſorores, ſalutem.

And heere the place invites mee, once for all, to ſhewe That in theis ancient daies the greateſt perſonages held Monkes, fryars, and Nunnes, in ſuch veneration and likinge for their holynes, That they thought noe Citie in caſe to flouriſh, noe houſe likely to have longe continuance, nor Caſtle ſufficiently defenſed, where was not an Abby, priory, or Nunnery, either placed within the walles, or planted at hand and neere adioyninge ; As this lord Maurice in this place, as ſoone as at firſt hee came to dwell at Berkeley caſtle : And his father the lord Robert, at St Auguſtines by Briſtoll, where hee then dwelt, founded that Monaſtery cloſe therto ; And others of their poſterity (with others) abundantly doe witneſſe, wherof in their lives I have more largely written : But nowe, Tempora mutantur et nos mutamur in illis. |

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Nibley.

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Nybley, als Northnibley, diſtinguiſhed by the Northerly ſituacõn therof from a little hamblet or village of the ſame name in the pariſh of Weſterley, lyinge ſouth from this.

Not to deſcribe this village, And withall not to ſpeake of the ſcituation of the Chaple heere, not more pleaſantly ſeated on a comely hill then healthfull, then wch none

none in the county or ſcarce in the kingdome ſtandeth in a ſweeter aire, inſomuch as ſome of the moſt expert inhabitants ſticke not to affirme their knowledge of divers perſons which have byn longe viſited with ſicknes, not curable with phiſicke, to have repaired their health by that ſweete ſalutary aire ; vpon which the hope of Sir Thomas Berkeley, then ſonne and heire of Henry lord Berkeley, by the advice of his learned phiſitions, fetched from Bath, and other remote places, was founded, when in the nynth yeare of kinge James hee removed from Berkeley caſtle to my houſe not farre from this Chaple church of Nibley : I ſay, not to deſcribe this Chaple village and mother church of Wotton ſomwhat more perticulerly then others, were ingratefully to paſſe by the place where by the bleſſed providence of the guider of all men I have byn more then 40. yeares ſeated, and am nowe drawinge on the laſt ſcene of my life in the 72th yeare of my age ; And not to acknowledge the great mercies which the Almighty hath in this place powred vpon mee, with a poſterity of 21. derived from mee, would bee the neglect of an ingratefull and evill man.

Nybley, therfore, anciently written Nubbelei, Nubbeleigh, Nubeleg̃, and Nibeleigh, quaſi (if deſcant vpon the name may bee allowed,) Cloudwater, or obſcure place ; An etymology (if one) agreeable to the ſpringes and water heere and their covert ſcituation ; Is a village or hamblet of 162 houſes, wherin are livinge about—1000. ſoules ; A member and parcell of the manor of Wotton als Wotton forren, or Wotton forinſeca, And the principall of thoſe five hamblets which make that manor ; the inheritance of George Lord Berkeley, and parcell of his Barony and manor of Berkeley, holden of the Crowne by knight ſervice in Capite.

Nybley, in comon country reputation is a pariſh, vſually called the piſh of Nibley ; But, re verâ, it is a Chapple belonginge to the mother church of Wotton, and within that pariſh ; though ſoe free a Chaple in practice and vſe, that in it are vſed all eccticall rites, in chriſtnings maryages, receivinge the Comunion burialls and the like, without any relation to Wotton at all in outward ſemblance ; wherof ſee more in fol : 294.

The Tyth of this village, and whatſoever of what kinde ſoever that hath byn or is accompted divine or ſpirituall, (as alſo that of Wotton,) belongeth to Chriſt church colledge in Oxford, who in their Indentures of demiſe accuſtome to take a Covenant from the leſſee for the time beinge, to provide for the cure heere, And to

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pay him 8li. p anñ; Which poore ſalary or wages was about 26. yeares laſt paſt, by the peticõn of the inhabitants heere, vpon the tenants next renewingẽ of his Leaſe, made—10li.; And within 7. yeares nowe paſt, by the like peticõn, or clamor rather, of the inhabitants heere, (ſeconded alſo with the ꝓres of the Lord biſhop of the Dioceſſe,) was vpon another renewinge of the tenants leaſe, made,—13li. 6s. 8d.; both which had my beſt furtherance, but not—jd. from the colledge; and hope to ſee it further increaſed.

And for this poore daughters ſake, the Chaple of Nibley, I will in this place (though more proper to have come in in Wotton) inlarge my ſelfe to write of her mother, the Rectory or mother church of Wotton her ſelfe, how ſhee hath walked in the world, and in what families made her abodes; As firſt, and of old, till the raigne of kinge Edward the Confeſſor, with the Abbeſſe and Nunnes of Berkeley,
262 Next with Earle Goodwin and his ſonne kinge Harrold, from the | ſuppreſſion of that Nunnery, by the wily practice of that Earle (wherof I have formerly written, fol: 2. et 3,) vntill kinge Harold was ſlaine in battell by William Duke of Normandy called the Conqueror: ffrom which time it abode in the Crowne, and with the family of the Berkeleis of Durſley, who held the ſame with many other Rectories, Churches, and Manors in fee farme at—500li. rent by the yeare, vnder the two Williams, Henry the firſt, and part of the raigne of kinge Stephen; At what time, and eſpetially in the firſt yeare of kinge Henry the ſecond, it ſetled by that kings grant, with the wholl Manor and hundred of Berkeley, in Robert the ſonne of Harding and his heires; Vpon whoſe foundinge of the monaſtery of St. Auguſtines by Briſtoll, it came to the Abbot and covent therof by the guift of the ſaid Lord Robert, with all other the churches and chaples of that manor and hundred.

In the age next after, this church of Wotton by the death of the Incumbent becometh void; The Abbot thervpon preſents one William Clarke to the Biſhop of Worceſter, (at that time in the Dioces of Worcr.,) whom the Biſhop admits to this church and to the chaples of Nibley and Symondſall belonging therto, vpon condicõn that hee ſhould duringe his incumbency pay an yearly pention of three markes out of the ſame to the ſaid Abbot and covent his patrons.

Not longe after, the ſaid biſhop of Worceſter (to vſe the words of his owne deed) takinge into his conſideracõn the honeſt converſation of the ſaid Abbot and his covent, and of the poverty of their monaſtery, and of their diligent care, aſwell in receivinge of ſtrangers as in nouriſhinge of poore people, doth take their wholl houſe

houſe churches, and eccleſiaſticall goods into his protection; And to the end that the benefits of Charity which from the firſt foundation of their houſe have byn beſtowed on them, might more abundantly to Gods honour bee dilated, (as hee in this his deed ſaith,) doth by his Epiſcopall authority grant vnto them, that they may convert to their owne proper vſe the fruits of the churches of Berkeley Wotton Almondeſbury and Aſhelworth, for the ſuſtentation of the ſaid Abbot and Covent, receivinge of gueſts, and releiſe of poore people; Savinge alwaies the dignity of his church of Worceſter, and honeſt ſuſtention of the Vicars ſervinge in the ſaid churches: And ſoe it ſeemes in that condition to have continued till 35. E. 1, what time Edmond the Abbot of that monaſtery, by two deeds, granted and releaſed to Thomas then lord Berkeley and to Maurice his ſonne and heire apparant, and to their heires, the Advowſon of this Church of Wotton with the rights and appurtenants therof; wherby it became again preſentable in the hands of this Berkeleian family; but by what art or deviſe in the lawes I knowe not, neither doe I knowe what effect followed vpon the licence of kinge E. 2. which in the 5th yeare of his raigne hee granted to the Abbot of this Monaſtery to appropriate this church of Wotton, As by the Patent roll of that yeare, pars. 1. membr. 22, appeareth: Nor what followed vpon the Inquiſicon of Ad quod damnum in 3. E. 2. numero. 16. when the Jury vpon that writ preſented, That it would not bee to the kings damage if hee granted Licence to this Abbot and Covent to appropriate to their owne vſe the Church of Wotton, which is de advocatione ſuâ propriâ, And ſoe appropriated, To hold to them and their ſucceſſors, And that it valueth p anñ—20. ñks: Neither can I handſomly | reconcile theis Deeds and Records, ſeeminge thus to quarrell 263
one at another: And alſo the ffine roll, A° 5. E. 2. ſhewes, That the Abbot then made ffine with the kinge for 50. ñks paid to him for his licence to appropriate this church of Wotton: It ſeemes nothinge; ffor, from that Maurice who ſurvived his father this Advowſon with the Chaples therto belonginge diſcended to Thomas his ſonne, father of Maurice, father of Thomas, who in 5. H. 5. was with the lady Margaret his wife, buried in that church: ffrom which Thomas it came to James lord Berkeley, his brothers ſonne and heire male, by vertue of a ffine levied in 23. E. 3. Which James had iſſue Willm and Maurice: (of his other 2. ſonnes I have noe need to ſpeake;) which William was created Marques Berkeley, and died without iſſue in 7. H. 7. havinge in the third yeare of that kings raigne, by a fyne then levied, conveyed the manor of Wotton with this advowſon, for want of iſſue of his owne body, to that kinge and to the heires males of his body, with remainder to his owne right heires; At what time and for divers years after one Robert Logge was Incumbent and parſon there.

Thus

Thus ſtood this Advowſon in the time of kinge H. 7. for 12. yeares after the death of the ſaid Marques Berkeley, till the 19th yeare of the ſaid kinge. The 17th of March in which 19th yeare of H. 7, Maurice Lord Berkeley brother and heire of the ſaid Marques Berkeley exhibites his petition of right to that kinge, prayinge therin that Juſtice and right may bee done vnto him, and hee reſtored to this Advowſon: And for his title therto layeth downe the ſaid ffyne levied therof (inter alia) in 23. E. 3. by his anceſtor the lord Thomas Berkeley aforeſaid, deductinge downe that eſtate tayle to his brother the Marques and himſelfe, ſhewinge howe vpon the death of his ſaid brother, hee was remitted to his eigne[1] eſtate taile, to him and to the heires males of his body; Whervpon, after all theis conveyances had by Inquiſicõn by Jury in this County of Glouc̃ beene found, hee was by Judgement in June followinge, reſtored to this Advowſon; And the ſame by act of parliament the ſame yeare confirmed with other manors to him accordingly.

And nowe beinge thus ſeized of this Advowſon, and conſequently of her two Chaples aforeſaid, Hee the ſaid Lord Maurice Berkeley, accordinge to Covenants which the 16th day of March before had byn made betweene him and his 2. ſonnes Maurice and Thomas on the one part, And the Abbot and Convent of the Monaſtery of Tuexbury on the other part, for the aſſuringe of this church of Wotton to that Monaſtery before the 13th of July then next following, They imediately vpon this reſtitution aſſure the ſame accordingly: And noe ſooner was the Monaſtery of Tuexbury thus ſeiſed therof, but they forthwith found meanes to incorporate the ſame and appropriate it to the ſeedinge of themſelves, as the compoſition for endowinge of the vicaridge declares; what time—20. mks p anñ therby appointed was thought a competent maintenance and livinge for the Vicar, to bee paid in fruits and not in money, as nowe it is and hath ever ſince beene: Howbeit I nowe vnderſtand as I am in reviewe heerof, That John Ackſon Vicar of Wotton hath by queſtioninge of his patrons the Colledge of Chriſtchurch, and Margaret Bodle widowe their tenant, obtained vpon an agreement in the end of thoſe ſutes to have his 20. marks per Anñ increaſed to neere—35li, with the addition of an houſe alſo, which before hee and his predeceſſors vicars wanted.

Note by the way, that the plea of Maurice lord Berkeley for this advowſon is
264 entred in Termi Michis, 20. H. 7. Rot. 532. and the recovery of the | Advowſon is entred of Trinity terme, 20. H. 7. Rot. 525. in banco cõi.

The Abbot and Covent of Tuexbury, havinge thus appropriated this faire advowſon (at this day worth—400li p anñ, with her Chaples,) did for the firſt 25. yeares

Eigne=Eldeſt. [Ed.]

yeares after lett to the vicar whom they had placed both the appropriate rectory and vicarage, at 33li. rent p anñ de claro, to bee paid to their Monaſtery; And after by their Indenture dated, 10o. Decembr̃. 23cio H. 8. demiſed the ſame to Thomas Matſon and Thomas Holliſter for 30. yeares, at the ſaid yearly rent of— 33li. And to pay to the vicar there—13li. 6s. 8d. by the yeare, (which then was one — Gunne,) and not in fructibus, in fruites, as the compoſition at firſt was; And to pay alſo to the Chaplein miniſtringe in the Church of this Nybley his ſtipend; And to two deacons miniſtringe in the Church of Wotton and of Nibley their ſtipends.

Thus ſtood this Church of Wotton with her Chaples, 8. yeares after the makinge of the ſaid Leaſe to Matſon and Holliſter, vntill in 31. H. 8. that Monaſtery was diſſolved and by Act of parliament given to the Crowne, As the Accompts of the Court of Augmentation doe ſhewe; And then the 11th day of December 38. H. 8. that kinge by his Lr̃es patents of that date, (but 6. weekes before his death,) gave the ſame to the Deane and Chapter of the Cathedrall church of Chriſt in Oxford, of the ſaid kings foundation, By the name of all that Rectory and church of Wotton ſubedge, with all the rights and appurtenants therof to the late monaſtery of Tuexbury in the county of Glouc̃ late belonginge and appertaininge; And all meſſuages, lands, tenements, Rents, ſervices, &c. in Wotton, Nibley, wortley, Symondſall, Synwell and Combe, in the ſaid county, aſwell ſpirituall as temporall, to the ſaid Rectory vicarage and manor belonginge, or as member part or parcell of the ſame, before knowne, accepted, reputed, demiſed or letten beinge.

In the yeare 1554. in 1o. et 2o. Ph: & Mar̃. James, Biſhop of Glouc̃, admitted Robert Knight to the Rectory of Wotton vpon the p̃ſentac̃on of Henry lord Berkeley, patron thereof.

In 3o. Eliz. two yeares before the leaſe ended made to the ſaid Matſon and Holliſter, (till when the queſtion about this church had continued,) Henry lord Berkeley impleaded the ſaid Deane and Chapter for that Rectory, who in the yeare followinge came to a compoſition, wherby the Deane and Chapter granted to the ſaid Lord Henry and his heires the Advowſon of the vicaridge of Tetbury, ſomtime belonginge to the monaſtery of Eynſham in the county of Oxford, vpon condic̃on that they might quietly hold this rectory of Wotton; whervpon the ſaid Lord made to them further aſſurance, And acknowledged neũtheles that they had good right to this of Wotton by the grant of the ſaid Lord Maurice his anceſtor made to the Abbot of Tuexbury as aforeſaid, and himſelfe to have noe right at all. Vpon the

the expiracõn of Matſon and Hollifters leaſe, the deane and chapter parted the ſame into two leaſes, one made to George Dunnynge of Nybley, of the Chaple and tythes of Nibley for 60. yeares, dated 5to Decembr̃. aº 5to Eliz., and the other leaſe to Bedle, of the Rectory of Wotton and tythes within the reſidue of that pariſh: In which condition by other ſeverall leaſes ſince made the ſame continue to this day 1639.

Plita coram rege apud Glouc̃, Trin̄. 21. R. 2. Eccleſia de Wotton vnderegge vel vnderhegge, cognoſcitur per vtrumq; nomen per veredict̃ Juradoz. And the parliam: roll, in 1. H. 4. numero. 91. containeth a notable proceſſe which ſeemes to purſue the foreſaid verdict, betweene Willm Seward als Chedder parſon of Wotton
265 vnderedge, and John Dantree clerke, wherin | appeares that Seward after five yeares poſſeſſion loſt his parſonage and incumbency, vpon difference of the word (vnderhegg̃) for Wotton vnderegge, and Dantree was admitted: But nowe by Judgement in parliament, Seward was reſtored againe and Dantree put out.

Nybley greene.

The Greene called Nybley greene, a Comon or parcell of waſt ground containinge about 100. acres, is famous to this day for the incounter that was in 10. E. 4. betweene Thomas Talbot viſcont Liſley and Willm Lord Berkeley and their fellowſhips: The ground of their quarrell thus aroſe;

Thomas Lord Berkeley the 4th of that name died in 5. H. 5. leavinge iſſue one only daughter called Elizabeth, maried to Richard Beauchamp Earle of Warwicke, by whom hee had iſſue three daughters, Margaret Eleanor and Elizabeth, who pretended title (amongſt other lands) to the Manor of Wotton, with the Advowſon; And which in partition amongſt [them] in 6. E. 4. was allotted to the ſaid Margaret, who was maried to John Talbot Earle of Shrewſbury, beinge his ſecond wife, by whom hee had iſſue John Talbot viſcont Liſle, who had iſſue the ſaid Thomas Talbot viſcont Liſle: Againſt whom the ſaid Willm lord Berkeley made title as heire male to the ſaid Thomas lord Berkeley, as ſonne of James lord Berkeley, ſonne of Sir James Berkeley brother of the ſaid lord Thomas, by vertue of an entayle created by his grandfathers fine levied in 23. E. 3.

The ſaid Thomas Talbott viſcont Liſle at this time lived at Wotton, at the manor houſe by the Church there, And Willm lord Berkeley in his caſtle of Berkeley five miles of; Betweene whom and their ſervants were often quarrellings, which in the end drewe from the ſaid viſcont Liſle a Letter of Challenge, written to the ſaid Lord Berkeley, in theis words, vz;

William,

William, called **Lord Berkeley,** I marveile yee come not fourth with all your carts of gunnes, bowes, with oder ordinance, that yee fet forward to my manor of Wotton to beate it doune vpon my head: I lett you witt ye ſhall not nede to come ſoe nye, for I truſt to God to mete yee neere home with Engliſhmen of my one nation and neighbors; wheras yee by ſubtile craft have blowen about in divers places of England that I ſhould intend to bringe in Welſhmen for to deſtroy and hurt my one nation and country; I lete the wite I was never ſoe diſpoſed nere never will bee; And to the proofe heerof I require the of knighthode and of manhode to appoint a day to mete halfe way, there to try between God and our two hands all our quarrell and title of right, for to eſchewe the ſhedding of chriſten mens bludd, or elſe at the ſame day bringe the vttermoſt of thy power and I ſhall mete thee: An anſwere of this by writinge, as yee will abide by, accordinge to the honour and order of knighthood.

Thomas Talbot, ye viſcont Liſle.

To which Lre ſent the 19th day of March in the Tenth yeare of kinge Edward the fourth, A^o^ Dni. 1469, the Lord Berkeley the ſame day returned this Anſwere; |

Thomas Talbot otherwiſe called Viſcont Liſle, not longe continued in that name but a newe found thinge brought out of ſtrange cuntries; I marveile greatly of thy ſtrange and leude writinge, made I ſuppoſe by thy falſe vntrue counſell that thou haſt with thee, Hugh Mull, and Holt: As for Hugh Mull, it is not vnknowne to all the worſhipfull learned men of this Realme, how hee is attaint of falſenes and raſinge of the kings records; and as for the falſe miſchevous Holt, what his rule hath bee [?been] to the deſtruction of the kings lege people in my Lordſhip of Berkeley, aſwell to the hurt of their bodies as the loſſe of their goods, againſt Goddis lawe conſcience and all reaſon, it is openly knowne; Soe that every worſhipfull man ſhould refuſe to have them in his felouſhip; And alſo of his owne free will, vndeſired of mee, before worſhipfull and ſufficient witnes, was ſworne on a maſſe booke that hee ſhould never bee againſt mee in noe matter that I had a doe; And eſpetially in that vntrue title that you claime, which ye hold my livelihood with wronge. And where thou requireſt mee of knighthood that I ſhould appoint a day and meete thee in the midway betweene my manor of Wotton and my caſtle of Berkeley, there to try betwixt God and our two hands all our quarrell and title of right, for to eſchewe the ſcheddinge of chriſten mens bludd, or elſe the ſame day to bringe the vttermoſt of my power and thou wouldſt mete mee: As for the determininge betwixt our two hands of thy vntrue clayme and my title and right of my land and true inheritance, 266 The anſwere.

heritance, thou wotteſt right well that there is noe ſuch determinacõn of land in this realme vſed: And I aſcertaine thee that my lyvelode, as well my manor of Wotton as my caſtle of Berkeley, bee intayled to mee by fyne of record in the kings courts, by the adviſe of all the Judges of this land in that daies beinge; And if it were ſoe That the matter might bee determined by thy hands and mine, the kinge our ſoveraine Lord and his lawes not offended, thou ſhouldeſt not ſoe ſoone deſire but I would aſſoone anſwere thee in every point that belongeth a knight; ffor thou art, God I take to record, in a falſe quarrell, and I in a true defence and title; And where thou deſireſt and requireſt mee of knighthood and of manhood to appoint a day and that I ſhould bee there with all the power I could make, and that thou wouldeſt meete mee halfe way, I will thou underſtand I will not bringe the tenth part that I can make, and I will appoint a ſhort day to eaſe thy malitious heart and thy falſe counſaile that is with thee: ffaile not too morrowe to bee at Nybbeleis greene at 8. or 9. of the clocke, and I will not faile with Goddis might and grace to mete thee at the ſame place, the which ſtandeth in the borders of the livelode that thou keepeſt vntruly from mee, ready to anſwere thee in all things, that I truſt to God it ſhall bee ſhewed on thee and thine to thy great ſhame and diſworſhip: And remember thy ſelfe and thy falſe counſaile have refuſed to abide the rule of the great Lordis of this lond, which by my will ſhould have determined this matter by thy evidence and mine: And therefore I vouch God to record, and all the company of heaven, that this fact and the ſcheddinge of chriſten mens bludd wch ſhall bee atwixt vs two and our felouſhips, if any hap to bee, doth growe of thy quarrell and not of mee, but in my defence and in eſchuinge of reproach, onely through thy malitious and miſcheivous purpoſe, and of thy falſe counſell, and of thy owne ſimple diſcretion: And keepe thy day, And there the trueth ſhall bee ſhewed by the mercy of God.

William Lord Berkeley. |

267 Both parties keepe their day and place, where the vicont Liſle was ſlaine; Of which incounter and of the numbers of men that either Lord brought that day into the feild, the cuntry people dwellinge therabout, (beinge the children and grandchildren of the groſſe of both Armies on either ſide, with more then 20. of whom fifty yeares agone I have talked heerof,) deliver in wonders: wherof I have more largely written in the hiſtory of this Berkeleian family, treatinge of the life of this Lord William Berkeley, which heere againe to repeate, ſith copies of my three bookes therof are in your hands, ſeemes needleſſe.[1]

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[1] See "Lives of the Berkeleys," Vol. II. p. 111. et ſeq. [Ed.]

In the eafterne part of this village of Nybley arife divers fprings of excellent fweete water, which vnited and brought into one ftreame, make a pretty river; wheron are feated feaven tuck mills and grift mills, moft of them double mills, before the faid ftreame bee paffed through this village; The like wherto I knowe not within this County. Springs.

This village is divided into theis parcells or knotts of houfes, as beinge remarkeable diftinct places; vz ffourd end, Mylend, Horend, fforthay, Southend, Churcend, Woodallend, Swyney, Snytend, Birchley, and the Greene, or Nybley greene men, wherof I have made former mention, befides others of note, which followe.

The payment of the ffifteene or king filver, when it is granted by parliament, goeth with the reft of the manor of Wotton forren, which in the wholl is--13li. 12s 2d. wherof the hamblet of Huntingford payeth—10s, Bradley 10s, Simondfall with its hamletts—24s, Combe—40s, Synwell—32s 4d, Wortley—52s, Pitcourt alone—10s, And this Nybley—4li. 13s 10d. In all—13li 12s 2d as aforefaid. ffifteene.

In the laft Subfedy in a° 5to Caroli were 18 Subfedy men in this village, who paid—7li. 6s; wherof my felfe was rated at—12li. land, then a Comiffioner for the taxinge therof. Subfedy.

In a° 6to Jacobi, vpon a generall viewe of able men fitt for the warres betweene 20. and 60. yeares old, were in this village, which then fhewed themfelves before Henry lord Berkeley, then Lieutenant of the county,—126. Able men.

And now of trayned fouldiers vnder Thomas Veel Efq, their captaine—20, wherof—10. are corfletts, and—10. are mufketts, furnifhed by the inhabitants therof. And with one light horfe called a Curaffeire, found and furnifhed by the author of this defcription. Souldiers.

And if the whole divifion of Berkeley, accompted a 4th part of the county, bee taxed at—100li. vpon any rate for kinge or Comonwealth, The hundred of Berkeley paieth therof—33li. 3s. And this of Nybley—25s.

The

Pitcourt.

The ffreeholds in this village are many, and thofe ancient, wherof 7. carry alonge with them the names of Courts, and were Capitall meffuages or manor houfes; vz, Pitcourt, Burrowes court, Warrens court, Small combes court, Baffetts court, Huntfcourt, and Bellamies place: Of each of which in their order; And after of others.

Pitcourt, (written fomtimes Pitcote,) continueth a Manor with a Court baron yearly holden to this day, the inheritance of Anthony Hungerford Efq, extendinge into Nybley, Stinchcombe, Stancombe, Alkington, Huntingford, Symondfale, and the Ridge, wherin yet are three copiholds for lives with widowes eftates after their
268 hufbands death; but now foe pared that | by his feverall fales hee hath made feverall freeholders more then himfelfe, And in likelihood will not dye feized of the refidue that yet remaineth; vz, my felfe, and you my fonne John, Wiłłm Curnocke and John his fonne, Wiłłm Purnell of the little greene, John Purnell of Wike, Thomas Evered of Bradley, Samuell Trotman, Henry Hayward, Gilbert ffreeman of Wike, Chriftopher Purnell, Thomas May, Thomas Peers, Wiłłm Gibbins of Wotton, Wiłłm Longe, James brother and heire of John Baker of Snytend, Tobias Hatheway for halfe an acre in Weftfeild purchafed of Wiłłm Purnell, Robert Oldifworth fonne of Edward fonne of Arnold Oldifworth, for a ground called Burrowhill: Wiłłm Trotman of Stancombe for 1. acre and an halfe in Ruckombe clofe, late pcells of Burrowes court, James Gibbes for a cotage and an acre in Wike, And— And is holden of George lord Berkeley as of his Manor of Wotton forren by the third part of a knights fee, fute to his hundred court of Berkeley from three weekes to three weekes, heriot fervice called a Mountuary, And by the yearly rent of—30s.

This little manor extendinge as aforefaid, was the old inheritance of the ancient family of the Schais, wherof Roger de Schai was one of the 8. noble pledges who in the time of kinge Stephen vndertooke that Roger lord and Baron of Durfley fhould performe the agreement and Covenants then made at Briftoll, by mediation of the faid kinge Stephen and of Henry then Duke of Normandy, after kinge of England by the name of Henry the fecond, betweene the faid Roger and Robert the fonne of Hardinge, wherby the manor and Barony of Berkeley was eftablifhed vpon the faid Robert and his heires; Of whom, and of his difcent deduced downe to the nowe lord Berkeley, I have before written fol: 7. et 78. et 209. And the faid Agreement fee before alfo fol: 176, and after, 325, in Slimbridge: After which Roger de Schai, it came to the names of Mathew le Schay, and

and of John le Schay, ſonne and heire of John Schay, and of Walter his ſonne; And after of Thomas Schay, ſonne and heire of John Schai, and of others of that name, (though I cañot in a perfect diſcent range them,) in which name this manor continued till the time of kinge Edward the fourth, when Walter Schay als Skey leaft iſſue one only daughter and heire, called Agnes, maried to Thomas Joachim, and died in 9. H. 8. five yeares after her huſband, leavinge iſſue betweene them John Joachim, who died in 22. H. 8. leavinge iſſue Elizabeth his only daughter and heire, maryed to Anthony Strange, who died 12. yeares before her huſband in a° leavinge iſſue two daughters, Anne, and Edith; Of whom, Anne was maried to Edmond Weſton and died in 22. Eliz. leavinge iſſue Anne, firſt maryed to Leonard Ivye and after to John Danvers, by neither of whom ſhee had any iſſue, and died in Eliz: The ſaid Edith the other daughter and coheire of the ſaid Anthony Strange and of Elizabeth his wife, was maried to Thomas Hungerford who had iſſue the ſaid Anthony that nowe is, 1639. travailinge in the 85th yeare of his age: who alſo by the death of the ſaid Anne his cozen germane inherited the wholl.

Somewhat more of this little Manor of Pitcourt is to bee read in theis records, which alſo prove the tenure; vz,

ffinis in banco in Term̃ Michis. 27. H. 6. Inter Ricm̃ Teſant et al̃ de manio de Pitcote, in Nybley, &c. Et al̃, in 18. E. 4.

Paſch: Rec̃: 9. H. 7. Rot. 293. in cõi banco.

Inq: 9. H. 8. pl̃ mortē Agnetis vxoris Thome Joachim—Juratores ignor̃.

Hillar̃ Rec̃. 13. H. 8. Rot. 5. c̃m Rem̃ Theſaur̃ in Sc̃io.

Inq: 22. H. 8. pl̃ mortem Johis Joachim.—in Soccage.

Hillar̃ Rec̃. 22. H. 8. Rot. 8. in ſc̃io, c̃m Rem̃ Theſaur̃.

Inq: 34. H. 8. pl̃ mortē Eliz. Strange.—in Soccage.

Inq: 34. H. 8 pl̃ mortē Anthonij Strange. |

Paſch: Rec̃. 29. H. 8. Rot. 26. in Sc̃c̃io c̃m Rem̃ Theſaur̃. 269

Trin̄ Rec̃. 36. H. 8. Rot. 38. in ſc̃io p̃d.

Paſch: Rec̃: 4. & 5. Ph: & Mar̃: Rot. 3. in Sc̃c̃io p̃d.—per ſervic̃ militare.

Accompt of Wotton. 23. E. 3. in Berkeley Caſtle.—per ſervic̃ mil̃.

Accompt of Wotton. 10. H. 6. ib̃m.—per ſervic̃ militare.

Co: Roll of Wotton. 36. H. 6. ib̃m:—per ſervic̃ mil̃. et mountuar̃. very pfect.

Co: Roll of Wotton. 4. H. 8. Thomas Skey obijt, good.

Inq: 16. Caroli, pl̃ mortem Will̃i Curnocke.—per ſervic̃ mil̃.

Inq: 17.

Inq : 17. Caroli, p^t mortē Joħis Smyth authoris huius libri.—per ſervic̃ mił.
Inq : 17. Caroli, p^t mortem.
Inq : 17. Caroli, ſuper Melius Inquirend̃ p^t mortē Joħis Purnell.—per ſervic̃ mił.

Note, that the occupiers of this manor of Pitcourt have anciently paid to the Abbot of Kingſwood, And ſince the diſſoluc̃on of that monaſtery to the Crowne, and ſtill doe, the ſom̃e of—7^s conceived by the Kings receivor and Baylies to bee a cheiſe rent iſſuinge out of this manor, but is not, but goeth only out of ſuch their lands as lye in Swinhey in Nybley which are nowe the inheritance of Thomas May, Thomas Peirs, John Wilkens, George Longe, Henry Hayward, and others, a^o 1640. which they have purchaſed of the ſaid Anthony Hungerford and Thomas his eldeſt ſonne, and their feoffees, As by the originall Deed with my ſelfe, wherin the ſaid—7^s is reſerved, appeareth.

Of which aforeſaid purchaſers of ſeverall parts of this manor of Pitcourt;
My ſelfe, and my ſonne John, doe hold

Wiłłm Curnocke and John his ſonne doe hold, as after in fol : 271, 272, 273, and as after in fol : 270, in Henry Hayward. And for this land ſee an office in 16. R^e Caroli, after the death of the ſaid William.

William Purnell of the Little greene holdeth a meſſuage at the bottome of the little greene called Nybley greene, with a griſt mill and fullinge mill vnder one rooſe neere the ſame, with . cloſes of meadowe and paſture containinge about acres, neere the ſaid meſſuage, called
which hee purchaſed of the ſaid Anthony Hungerford and Thomas his ſonne in 20° Jacobi, and in his deed of purchaſe agreed to pay—3^s pcell of their cheiſe rent of—30^s; of which hee after vpon his ſale of
to John Purnell put over— of his ſaid rent.

John Purnell of Wike holdeth one cloſe in Clayfeild mead 2. acres., 5. acres of arrable in Redfeild and Baynam feild, A cloſe called Howcroſt cont̃. 3. acres, a cloſe called Creſway ground cont̃ 2. acres; A cloſe called Newland cont̃. 1. acre & an halfe, and 1. acre of meade in Clayfeild; All which hee purchaſed of the ſaid Anthony Hungerford in fee, in Annis Regis Caroli, And of the ſaid Cheiſe rent of—30^s paieth—2^s |

Thomas

Thomas Everod of Bradley holdeth 270

Samuell Trotman of Stancombe holdeth

Henry Hayward holdeth one clofe of meadowe and pafture ground called great Tidnams, lyinge in Swiney, conť about 6. acres, which hee by deed in 22. Jač purchafed of the faid Willm Curnocke and John his fonne ; And they (inter alia) of the faid Anthony Hungerford and Thomas his fonne as aforefaid ; and of the cheife rent of—5ˢ which the faid Willm and John by their deed of purchafe from the faid Anthony Hungerford and Thomas his fonne agreed to pay as parcell of their—30ˢ the faid Henry therof by his faid Deed agreed to pay—4ᵈ

Gilbert ffreeman of Wike holdeth acres in Matford mead in the tithinge of Alkington, which hee in Rꝑ purchafed of the faid Anthony Hungerford, but paieth noe part of the faid cheife rent of—30ˢ

Chriftopher Purnell holdeth a Meffuage orchard and garden at ffordend in Nybley, with divers clofes and grounds therto belonginge, called the Penynge, the Combe, a ground by Combe gate, Birchley, greenhinchcombe, Harley, Ruydings, Burrowes mead ; and of arrable land, vz, 2. acres in Tetcombe, 4. acres in Willefley, 2. acres in Aldercombe, 8. acres in Winchcombe, and 2. acres in Ruydings, which hee with mee Apr̃. 10. Caroli purchafed of Anthony Hungerford, And the faid Chriftopher Purnell of mee by releafe in Caroli ; And of the faid cheife rent of—30ˢ payeth—18ᵈ

Thomas May of Howley in Nybley holdeth one clofe of pafture called the grove conť 6. acres., a meadowe called Wickley conť one acre and an halfe., and a ground called the Penynge conť 5. acres, all lyinge in Swiney ; And which in aº Caroli Rꝑ hee purchafed of the faid Anthony Hungerford ; And of the faid cheife rent of—30ˢ payeth—6ᵈ

Thomas Peirs holdeth halfe an acre in Slades next the hedge, and 5. acres late arrable in the Deane feild, and 3. clofes called Butteferofts in Swyney ; And an houfe orchard and garden, and a clofe adioyninge in fforthay conť 2. acres ; And one acre more in the faid Deane feild, and 2. acres more of arr̃ in Slades ; All which

which hee purchaſed of the ſaid Anthony Hungerford in a° Regis Caroli ; And of the ſaid cheiſe rent of—30ˢ paieth 12ᵈ

William Gibbens of Wotton holdeth one acre and an halfe in Bournfeild of arr̃ land, which hee in A° Rꝑ Caroli purchaſed of the ſaid Anthony Hungerford, And of the ſaid Cheiſe rent of—30ˢ payeth 6ᵈ

William Longe, ſonne of George, holdeth one cloſe of paſture in Tetcombe feild conť 1. acre, which hee purchaſed of the ſaid Anthony Hungerford, And of the ſaid cheiſe rent of—30ˢ paieth— ; wᶜʰ was purchaſed in A° Caroli Rꝑ.|

271 ffrancis Baker, brother and heire of John Baker of Snitend in Nybley, holdeth one acre in Rackcombe iuxta Stancombe, which the ſaid John purchaſed of the ſaid Anthony Hungerford : And of the ſaid cheiſe rent of—30ˢ paieth— ; purchaſed in Caroli Rꝑ.

Tobias Hatheway of Snitend holdeth halfe an acre of land in weſt feild which hee purchaſed of Willm Purnell aforeſaid, and hee of Anthony Hungerford in a° Rꝑ Caroli ; And of the ſaid cheiſe rent of—30ˢ paieth— .

Robert Oldiſworth ſonne of Edward, ſonne of Arnold, holdeth a paſture ground called Burrough hill conť 5. acres, which the ſaid Arnold in a° Rꝑ Jacobi purchaſed of the ſaid Anthony Hungerford, And of the ſaid cheiſe rent of—30ˢ paieth—

William Trotman of Stancombe, holdeth one acre and an halfe in Ruckcombe cloſe, which hee in a° Rꝑ purchaſed of the ſaid Anthony Hung'ford, And of the ſaid cheiſe rent of 30ˢ paieth—

James Gibbs holdeth one Cotage and an acre of ground encloſed therto adioyninge, in Wike, which hee purchaſed of Thomas Mundy, and hee of my ſelfe, and I of the ſaid Anthony Hungerford in a° Rꝑ , And of the ſaid cheiſe rent of—30ˢ paies—

Iſaack Smyth of Durſeley holdeth a meſſuage and divers lands therto belonginge lyinge in Charfeild, which hee by a Deed inrolled in the court of Comon pleas in Michas terme a° 9° Rꝑ Caroli, and by fine and other aſſurances ſome wherof beare date

date the 21th of November a° 9° ꝑd, purchaſed of the ſaid Anthony Hungerford, and were parcell of this manor of Pitcourt, as thoſe his conveyances and many of the former doe ſhewe.

William Curnocke of Burrowes court, holdeth, &c. wherof read in the next page: And vpon his purchaſe, beinge to pay 5s of Anthony Hungerfords cheife rent, Set over—4d therof to Henry Hayward vpon his ſale of Tydnams, as formerly appeares fol: 269. |

Burrowes Court: A Meſſuage at the lower end of the little greene neere vnto Marten bridge, which in proceſſe of time tooke the name of Burghes or Burrowes court from William de Burgo, to whom and his heires Thomas Lord Berkeley the firſt of that name, about 10. H. 3, granted the ſame by the name of halfe a yard land, (containinge about 43. acres,) which Richard le Butt ſomtimes held of him in villinage, To hold by the yearly rent of 20s and by knight ſervice, as by the deed it ſelfe, which followeth, appeares. 272 Burrowes Court.

Sciant ꝑſentes et futuri quod ego Thomas de Berkeł dedi conceſſi et hac p̃nti carta mea confirmavi Wiłło de Burgo de Nubbeleye pro homagio et ſervicio ſuo, Dimidiam virgatam terræ cum õibus ſuis pertinentijs, Illam videlicet quam Ricus le But aliquando tenuit in villinagio in villa de Nubbeleye: Tenend̄ et habend̄ de me et heredibus meis ſibi et heredibus ſuis liberè, quietè, et integrè, iure hereditario imperpetuum: Reddendo inde anuatim mihi et heredibus meis ipſe et heredes ſui, viginti ſolidos argenti ad quatuor anni terminos, videłt ad natale Dñi quinq; ſolidos, Ad Paſchā quinq; ſolidos, ad nativitatem beati Joħis Baptiſtæ quinq; ſolidos, et ad feſt̃m ſc̃i Micħis quinq; ſolidos, pro omnibus ſervicijs et ſecularibus demandis, Salvo regali ſervicio quantum ꝑtinet ad tantum teñtum in eod feodo; Ad quem redditum terminis ꝑdc̃is ſolvend̄, Idem Wiłłus concedit pro ſe et heredibus ſuis, quod ego dc̃us Thomas de Berkeł et heredes mei poſſimus eundem Willimum et heredes ſuos quotiescunq; neceſſe fuerit diſtringere, libere et quiete ſuper quibuſcunq; tenementis quæ tenent vel tenere contingant apud Nubbeleye et alibi infra libertatem de Berkeł. Ego vero dc̃us Thomas de Berkeł et heredes mei ꝑdc̃am virgatam terræ c̃m õibus ſuis ꝑtinentijs ꝑdc̃o Willimo et heredibus ſuis contra omnes mortales per ꝑdictum ſervicium imperpetuum warrantizabimus. In cuius rei teſtimonium, huic ꝑſenti cartæ ad modum cirographi confectæ ſigilla ñra alternatim ſunt appoſita. Hijs teſtibus, Dño Robto de Berkeł, Petro de Stinteſcumbe, Elia de Cumbe, Wiłło de Cumbe, Warino filio Wiłłi, et alijs.

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The said William de Burgo the feoffee had iſſue Walter de Burgo, who was father of William de Burgo, who in 6. et 7. E. 2. was in ward to Thomas lord Berkeley the ſecond of that name, grandchilde of the foreſaid Thomas the feoffor, for this land; As the Accompts of thoſe yeares made by the Reeve of the Manor of Wotton doe ſhewe, which are in Berkeley Caſtle.

Shortly after this land came to the family of Schay, lord of Pitco^rt, but whether by purchaſe or by mariage of the heire of de Burgo it is the private evidences of the ſaid Anthony Hungerford only that muſt tell, for I, as yet, cañot: But therby (as I conceive) the cheiſe rent of Pitcourt, before but—10^s, was increaſed to—30^s p anñ. And ſo this land of William de Burgo continued in the ſame lyne of Schai with Pitcourt before mentioned, vntill the ſaid Anthony Hungerford in the 20th of kinge James ſold this Burrowes court with the lands therto belonginge to Willm Curnocke and John his eldeſt ſonne ioyntly in fee: By reaſon of which longe poſſeſſion in one and the ſame lyne this Burrowes court was reputed generally to bee part of that manor of Pitcourt: And vpon ſeverance thereof by ſale in 20. Jacobi, the cheiſe rent of—5^s pcell of the ſaid—30^s was agreed betweene the purchaſors and ſeller to bee thenceforth paid, and ſoe mentioned in their deed of bargaine and ſale: And the ſaid John Curnocke died before his father in 14° Caroli, and by Jane
273 Burbage | his wife had iſſue Margaret only childe, vpon whom this yeare. 1639. 15to Caroli, the ſaid William hath ſetled moſt of this land, The pcells of all fee after in this page.

Plita aſſiſaz. a^o 32. H. 3. Walterus de Burgo et Alicia vxor eius petunt verſus Nigellum filium Roberti de Kingeſcote, vnam carucatam terræ in Nybley: Which Nigell had iſſue Maurice, who maried Eve, and dyed without iſſue before his father; And the ſaid Alice was daughter of the ſaid Robert, who was to have the land by conveyance after the death of Eve, who was nowe dead: Heerin they drewe to iſſue vpon the grant, and compounded.

Rot. pateñ, 4. E. 3. in dorſo rotuli: Willus fil Willi de Burgo arr̃ aſſiſam verſ̃ Thomā fil Mauricij de Berkeley chr et al, de teñtis in Nubbeley iuxta Berkeley.

Co: Roll of Wotton ſforren. 36. H. 6. Johes Skey obijt (inter alia) de vno meſſuagio voc̃ Burrowes, c̃m diuſis terris eid ſpectañ in Nybbeley. Redd.— herieī duæ vaccæ. Walter eſt frater et heres, 40. añoz.

The parcells anciently belonginge to Burrowes Court ſold by Anthony Hungerford aforeſaid to Willm and John Curnocke in fee, are theis; viz, The dwellinge houſe

houſe called Burrowes Court, orchard and garden adioyninge. 8. acres of arrable land in the weſt feild, 2. acres in Stretly, one acre in Bowry, one acre in ruckombe, halfe an acre in Cheſley, a meadowe called Burrowes mead conť 1. acre and an halfe, Burrowes moore conť 2. acres, a meadowe in Weſt feild called Overly conť 2. acres, a cloſe of paſture in Clay feild called Huſwifes acre, conť 1. acre, A paſture ground called the grove conť 3. acres, A paſture ground called the Ley conť 8. acres; A paſture in Weſt feild conť 3. acres; A paſture called Swineburne conť 5. acres; A paſture called great Tidnam in Swiney conť 6. acres, and a ridge called the Racke ridge in Winley feild:—wherof theis perſons have purchaſed theis parcells ſince vz,

Henry Heyward purchaſed the ſaid paſture called great Tidnam in Swyney conť 6. acres of the ſaid William and John Curnocke, of whom ſee before in fol: 269, amongſt the purchaſers of the manor of Pitcourt. |

Warrens Court: This was the Capitall meſſuage and ancient habitacõn of Sir Peter the ſonne of Warren knight; After, of Warren ſonne of William; After of Warren ſonne of Warren; After of Willm fitz Warren, And laſtly of Thomas fitz Warren; In which name and family of the Warrens it continued vntill about 40. E. 3, when by the purchaſe of the lady Katherine Berkeley, the ſecond wife and widowe of Thomas Lord Berkeley the third of that name, in the names of Milkeſham and Oldland, preiſts, her ſeoffees in truſt, And vpon her foundinge of the free grammer ſchoole in Wotton-vnderedge in 9. R. 2, it became parcell of the poſſeſſions therof; In which condicõn it ſtill remaineth, and my ſelfe tenant therto for more then 40. yeares paſt; Wherof read more in the deſcription of Wotton vnderedge fol: 407. And out of theis Records; vz, 274 Warrens Court.

Rot. finiũ. 9. E. 1. membr. 16.
Rot. finiũ. 15. E. 3. membr. 2.
Rot. pateñ: 16. E. 3. ps. 1. in dorſo.
Rot. clauš. 23. E. 3. ps. 1. membr. 24. in dorſo.
Michas Rec. in banco regis. 28. et 29. Eliz. Rot. 308. et 310.

And from the ancient ſeiſin and poſſeſſion of the generous Sirname of Warren, it tetaines the name of Warrens court to this day; 1639.

Smalcombe Court: The name is ancient and ſeemes to have byn taken, from the firſt buildinge of the houſe, from the ſtandinge and ſituacõn of the manſion or manor Smalcombe Court.

manor houſe vpon a ſmall combe hanginge or declininge of an hill, by which it ſtandeth.

Anciently this meſſuage was in the name and family of Thomas de Eccleſia, and Thomas de la church de Nubbeley, who lived in the time of kinge H. 3. and before; And ſeemes to drawe that name from the ſituacõn of the houſe and grounds, neereſt to the Church or Chapple there of any other: Which Thomas was father of Robert de Eccleſia, father of John de Nubbeley, who lived in the time of kinge E. 1. and of E. 2. And imediately after of the Smalcombes, the place I ſuppoſe changinge the name, and not the family, as Wiłłm de Smalcombe, Thomas de Smalcombe, John de Smalcombe, and ſome others; ſomtimes omittinge the french particle, (de) denotinge the genetive caſe, as the engliſh (of) doth.

After it came into the name of Harsfeld by marriage of the heire of Smalcombe, and ſoe continued till Thomas Harsfeild, ſonne and heire of Thomas, in 37°. Eliz. ſold the ſame to Wiłłm Tracy Eſq, who afterwards aliened the ſame to my ſelfe and others, as after followeth: ffor which Alienacõns and rent, fee the Court rolls of Wotton fforren, 39. Eliz. And

By the guiſt of part of this land to a Chantry preiſt, it proved, after the ſtatute of 1. E. 6. that gave them to the Crowne, a land of much contention; and contrary verdicts were given vpon ſeverall iſſues one againſt another, aſwell at the Exchequer barre as at Aſſiſes in the countrey, not reconciled till the titles of all contrariant parties were brought in and a Recovery had in a writt of right, after iſſue ioyned: As after ſol: 287. |

275 In this place, becauſe of your ſeiſin heerof, my ſonne, to whom I have vpon your mariage given the ſame, I will borrowe leave to declare once for all, and the rather through the often changes or variations of the Sirnames of the owners of this meſſuage, That wheras before the Norman conqueſt moſt part of places had their names, either of their ſituacõn or of ſome notable accident or noble man, wherof this hundred preſenteth ſome of each kinde: That imediately after the arrivall of the Normans who obtained thoſe lands, and who firſt brought into this Realme of England the names of Thomas, John, Nicholas, ffrancis, Stephen, Henry, and the like, nowe moſt vſuall; Men began to bee knowne and ſirnamed of their dwellings and poſſeſſions, as heere of the little or ſmall combe wheron the ancient capitall meſſuage is ſituate, as hath byn ſaid. And certaine alſo it is, That the Normans

Normans at their firſt entry after their victory obtained laboured by all meanes to ſupplant the Engliſh tongue, and to plant their owne language amongſt vs: And for that purpoſe both gave vs the lawes and all manner of paſtimes, games, and ſports, in the french tongue, as hee that will peruſe the lawes of the Conqueror, and conſider the termes of hawkingē, huntinge, tennis play, dice, card plaies and other diſports, ſhall eaſily perceive: And which ſeemeth moſt of all reiected the Saxons characters and their wonted manner of writinge, bringinge in their owne alphabet and frame of letters.

The tenure of this Smalcombe Court and of the acres of land of old therto belonginge, is of George Lord Berkeley as of his manor of Wotton fforren, in ſocage, by 12d rent, and ſuite to his hundred Court of Berkeley from three weekes to three weekes: Of which 12d you my ſonne by an apportionment therof made in the Court of the ſaid Manor pay—9d And—1d by Willm Curnocke is paid for a ground called Burrowes mead containinge 6. acres, And—1d by Willm Marten is paid for 3. acres of meadowe in Swynehey, called Swyneis mead. And—1d by Joſeph Jobbins for an houſe and acres of land called Shabhill, which hee lately aliened to ffrancis Heyward als Peers a carrier, which Joſeph was a younger ſonne of ffrancis Jobbins deceaſed, who gave it vnto him; And the ſaid William Curnocke hath alſo two acres of meadowe in Winley, and one acre of meadowe in weſtfeild.

Bassetts Court. An ancient capitall meſſuage and manor houſe of old called Sherncliffe court, from a cleffe or hill of that name affrontingē on the eaſt, nowe the inheritance of James Gibbs and others as after followeth, holden of George lord Berkeley by knight ſervice, ſute to the hundred Court of Berkeley from 3. weekes to 3. weekes, and by the yearly rent of—26s 8d But whether of the lord's Manor of Wotton fforren, to which the cheife rent is paid, and wherto I encline, or of his manor of Alkington, ſith queſtion hath byn moved by a ſute at lawe, I will not abſolutely determine. Baſſetts Court.

The originall grant of this land was by Thomas lord Berkeley the ſecond of that name, by a deed without date, but neere about the 16. E. 1. in theis words; vz, |

Omnibus xpi fidelibus ad quos preſens ſcriptum pervenerit, Thomas de Berkeł 276
dñs de Berkeł ſalm in dno. Noveritis me dediſſe et hoc ꝑſenti ſcripto meo confirmaſſe Ricō dicto de camera, pro homagio et ſervicio ſuo, totam illam terram cum

ptinentijs

ptinentijs, quam Robtus de Wike quondam tenuit apud Nubbeley: Dedi etiam et conceſſi eid Ricō totam illam terram cum pertinentijs quam Radulphus Mareſchallus quondam tenuit in Swynheye; Dedi etiam et conceſſi eid Ricō totā illā terrā cum pertinentijs quam Walterus Rolſe quondam tenuit apud Wyneley, quam quidem terram Nichus ſaber quondam tenuit: Hēnd et tenend ōia ꝑdča terras et teñta čm ōibus ſuis ptineñ dčō Ricō et heredibus de corpore ſuo ittime procreatis, de me et heredibus meis, libere et quietè, integrè bene et in pace, cum libero introitu et exitu vt in domibus, edificijs, gardinis, curtilagijs, pratis, paſcuis et paſturis, cōibus, et ōibus alijs libtatibus et liberis conſuetudinibus ad ꝑdča terras et teñta quoquo modo ſpectantib9, iure hereditario imppetuum. Reddendo inde anuatim mihi et heredib9 meis dčus Ric et heredes ſui de corpore ſuo legittimè procreati, duas marcas argenti ad quatuor anni terminos principales, equali portione: vz, ad natalē Dñi ſex ſolidos et octo denarios, Ad paſchā ſex ſolidos et octo denarios, Ad ſeſtm nativitatis beati Johis Baptiſtæ ſex ſolidos et octo denarios, et ad ſeſtm ſči Michis ſex ſolidos et octo denarios, pro ōibus ſervicijs et ſecularibus demandis: Salvo regali ſervicio, vz, tantum quantm pertinet ad tantm teñtum in eod feodo: Et ſalvis mihi et heredibus meis ſectis ad hundredū meū de Berket de tribus ſeptimanis in tres ſeptimanas Et ego ꝑdčus Thomas et heredes mei totā ꝑdčā terrā čm ōibus ſuis vbiq; pertinentijs ꝑdčō Ricō et heredibus ſuis de corpore ſuo legittime procreatis, in forma ꝑdča contra ōes mortales warrantizabimus imperpetuum. Et ſi contingat dčm Ričum ſine herede de corpore ſuo legittime procreato in ſata diſcedere, ex tunc omnia ꝑdča terræ et teñta čm ōibus ſuis vbiq; ptinentijs mihi et heredibus meis ſine contradictione alicuius plenarie et integre revertantur. In cuius rei teſtimonium huic ꝑſenti ſcripto ad modum Cirographi confecto, ſigillum meum et ſigillum dči Riči alternatim ſunt appoſita. Hijs teſtibus, Robto de Stone, Robto de Bradeſton, Waltero de Chaldeſeild, Willo de Combe, Willo de Burgo, Robto de Draicote, Thoma de Swonhungre, et alijs.—Which deed is in my cuſtody from William Baſſett who gave it mee.

There is another Deed in theis words; viz:,—Sciant ꝑntes et futuri, q̄d ego Thomas Dñs de Berkeley dedi conceſſi et hac ꝑnti carta mea confirmavi Ricō de la Chamber, pro homagio et ſervicio ſuo, et Dioniſiæ vxori eius et Thome filio eorundem, Totm illud tentm et terrā čm ōibus eoꝝ ptineñ, quod Robtus de Wike quondam tenuit in villa de Nybbely, q̄d quidem tentm Barthol de Olepen tenet ad terminū vitæ ſuæ: Preterea dedi et conceſſi ꝑdčis Ricō, Dioniſiæ et Thome, totm illud tentm et terram čm ōibus vbiq; eoꝝ ptineñ, q̄d Nichus molend aliquando tenuit apud la Swinehey; q̄d quidem tentm Radus Mareſchall tenet ad terminū vitæ ſuæ: Hend et tenend ōia et ſingula antedicta čm ōibus eoꝝ vbiq; ptineñ de me et heredibus

heredibus meis, p̄dc̄is Ric̄o Dioniſiæ et Thomæ, et hered̄ ſuis, liberè, quietè, integre, bene, et in pace, cum õibus lib̄tatibus et liberis conſuetudinib9, in pratis, boſcis, paſcuis, et paſturis, in õibus rebus et locis c̄m ōibus eoꝝ vbiq; ꝑtineñ ad p̄dc̄a teñta aliquo modo ꝑtineñ, iure hereditario ſine vllo retenemento imꝑpetuum; Reddendo inde anuatim mihi dc̄o Thomæ toto tempore vitæ meæ tant̄m, et poſt deceſſū vitæ meæ Jacobo de Berkeley filio meo et heredibus ſuis de corpore ſuo legittime procreatis, ſex ſolidos argenti ad quatuor anni terminos vſuales, equis portionibus pro teñto apud le Swynehey; Et etiā | pro teñto quondā Roberti de Wike poſt 277
deceſſum vitæ dc̄i Barthoł de Olepen p̄dc̄o Jacobo et hered̄ ſuis de corpore ſuo legittime procreat̄—20ˢ argenti ad quatuor anni terminos vſuał, equis portionibus. Poſt deceſſum vero vitæ p̄dc̄oꝝ Ric̄i Dioniſiæ et Thomæ, heredes ſui ſolvere tenentur pro p̄dc̄is duobus teñtis p̄dc̄o Jacobo de Berkeley filio meo, et hered̄ ſuis de corpore ſuo procreat̄, 30ˢ argenti ad 4. anni terminos vſuales equis portionibus pro omnibus ſervic̄ et ſecular̄ demandis quocunq; modo contingeñ; Salvo regali ſervicio quantum ad tantū teñtū de eod̄ ſeodo in ead̄ villa ꝑtinebit, Et ſalvis ſectis ad hundredum meum de Berkeł de 3. ſeptimañ in 3. ſeptimañ raconabił ſumonic̄ prius habita. Et ego dc̄us Thomas et heredes mei õia et ſingula antedicta c̄m õibus eoꝝ vbiq; ꝑtineñ vt p̄dc̄m eſt p̄dc̄is Ric̄o Dioniſiæ et Thomæ et hered̄ ſuis, in forma p̄dc̄a contra ões mortales warrantizabim9 acquietabim9 et imꝑpetuum defendebimus. In cuius rei teſtimonium huic p̄nti cartæ in modum Cirographi indentat̄ ſigilla ſua alternatim ſunt appenſa. Hijs teſtib9, Dño Rob̄to de Berkel, Rob̄to de Stañ, Rob̄to de Bradſton, Petro de Stinteſcumbe, Wº de Burgo, Waltero de Chaldfeild, Wº de Combe et alijs.

And by a Deed dated 1 Maij. aº 34. E. 1. Joh̄es de Berkelee, filius Dñi Thome de Berkelee, remiſit dc̄o d̄no Thome tot̄m ius et clameum quod h̄uit in duobus m̄cis annui redditus et õibus alijs ſervicijs Ric̄i de Wike apud Sharnclive in Nebbele. Howe this John Berkeley had this, I have not obſerved.

From the iſſue of which Richard de Camera, (groome of the ſaid Lords Chamber,) called afterwards Richard de Wike, (where alſo hee had more land then this,) this meſſuage and land came about 10. E. 3, by pʳchaſe as I conceive, to bee the inheritance of Sir Simon Baſſett knight, a gent̄ fitted tam Marti quàm Mercurio, a great comaunder in the Battell of Poitiers, many yeares Eſcheator and Sheriffe of this County: And from him by divers lineall diſcents it came to Wiłłm Baſſett, (whoſe diſcents, with the times of their ſeverall deathes ſee beſore in Ewley, fol. 188. et 31,) which Wiłłm Baſſet ſonne of Edward, in 4º Jacobi, ſold the ſame to Wiłłm Gibbs and to Henry Hatheway ioyntly and to their heires: And vpon partition,

partition, after their ioynt ſales of ſome remote parts of the grounds by them made, This wholl meſſuage and almoſt all the grounds and cloſes adioyninge, were allotted to the ſaid Willm Gibbs and his heires; And from him aſwell by deed in his life time, as by his laſt will dated was conveyed to James Gibbs his yongeſt ſonne and his heires, now dwellinge vpon the ſame: But ſuch and ſoe many have byn the morſells pared from this meſſuage, that 18. ſeverall freeholders at this day have ſeverall parts therof; ſome from the ioynt ſale of Willm Gibbs and Henry Hatheway before their partition as aforeſaid, which was in , ſome by Henry Hatheway alone after partition, And ſome by the ſaid Willm Gibbs, as followeth;

My ſelfe and you my ſonne hold therof, 2. acres in Sharncliffe hill, Turnors croft 3. acres, one acre in lower Stretly, 3 acres in Ewcombs, 1. acre incloſed in church feild, 3 acres in clayfeild, incloſed; a meadowe called Marſhalls, and a ground called the lower pennynge.

John Grayle ſonne of John Graile clarke, holds one cloſe of paſture containinge 4. acres in |

278 William Trotman of Stancombe, in right of his wife the widowe of Robert Purnell, the revertion in fee to Robert Purnell ſonne of the ſaid Robert, holds one cloſe in Elfoulds containinge acres.

Jeſper Eſtcourt gent̃ holdeth 6. acres of meadowe ground in Edgeborne, and one acre called Hockmead, and 4. acres in Broadcroft, and halfe the ground called Longmead.

John Smyth of Southend holdeth one acre of paſture in Ridings.

John Purnell of Wike holdeth a meadowe and paſture cloſe called Percy furlonge containinge acres, And one cloſe called ffoules grove adioyninge to the vpper end of Buſh ſtreete, conť about 7. acres, whereof read after fol:

William Curnocke of Burrowes Court aforeſaid holdeth three little grounds called the Stockes, Rodes, and Brookfurlonge, containinge about acres.

Samuell Trotman holdeth one cloſe called Gooſmead, and 4. acres of land in Weſtfeild.

John

John Hale of Nybley holdeth one acre.

William Purnell of the greene holdeth a meadowe ground called Worth hayes, and another called the hurne.

William Gibbens holdeth a Meſſuage and a cloſe adioyninge conť 2. acres, parcell of the ancient meſſuage called ffrendſplace.

Humphrey Spicer holdeth an houſe and backſide called Cobbs houſe.

John Selman ſonne of John, holdeth 3. acres of arrable land in Giſtingthorne.

John Wilkens holdeth one cloſe of paſture called Hawgrove conť 7. acres, which hee in a°. purchaſed of

Nicholas Gibbs, eldeſt ſonne of Wiłłm Gibbs aforeſaid, holdeth, one cloſe of meadowe and paſture called Beane cloſe conť 8. acres, adioyninge to Baſſets court.

James Gibbs, youngeſt ſonne of Wiłłm Gibbs, holdeth the ſaid capitall meſſuage called Baſſetts court with divers cloſes of meadowe and paſture ground therto adioyninge conť about 60. acres.

ffrancis Purnell holdeth one cloſe called Yongcrofts conť acres in

Maria Taylor holdeth one acre which her father Robert Tailor ałs Evans purchaſed of |

By an Inq: 35. H. 8. after the death of Giles Baſſett, hee is found to dye 279
ſeized (inter ał) of the manor of Sharncliffe in Nybley, holden of the kinge as of his Caſtle or manor of Berkeley by fealty and 34ˢ. rent for all ſervices, joyninge the ſame vnder the ſame tenure with his lands in Came, as there appeares, fol: [133]

See the Co: roll of Wotton fforren 39. Eliz, for the alienacon to Edward Baſſet; rent 33ˢ. 4ᵈ. Releiſe vpon the alienacon.

By Inq: found at Berkeley 10°. Auguſti. 17. Rᵉ Caroli, after the death of the ſaid Wiłłm Curnocke, it was found that hee died in

Huntscourt:

Huntſcourt.

Huntscourt: is an ancient capitall meſſuage with 58. acres of land therto belonginge, havinge taken the name from the ſeizin of the ancient owners therof, who (though they poſſeſſed other lands in other places) heere made their abode for many generations; holden of George lord Berkeley as of his manor of Wotton fforren by knight ſervice, vz, the xth part of a knights fee, ſute to his hundred court of Berkeley from three weekes to 3 weekes, and by the yearly rent of—15^s^

In the beginninge of the raigne of kinge Edward the firſt, it was the land of Robert le Venor; after of Michaell Venator als Hunt, who dyed in 9. E. 2, leavinge John Hunt his ſonne and heire within age, therby in ward to Thomas lord Berkeley the ſecond of that name; After him it came to two other of the ſame name of John Hunt; And laſtly, another John Hunt towards the end of kinge E. 4. left iſſue a daughter, maryed to Hugh Tyndall als Hutchins, who died in , father of John Tyndall als Hutchins who died in , and was father of Thomas who dyed in , father of Richard Tyndall who died in 19° Eliz, father of Richard who died in 18. Jacobi, father of Thomas Tyndall who dyed , father of Thomas Tyndall that nowe is, a^o^ 1639, ward to the kinge for other land, holden by knight ſervice in Capite, As the office or Inquiſicõn found vpon his death in R^e^ Caroli ſheweth. |

280 Bellamies in Bircheley.

Bellamies, in Bircheley, in Nybley, is a meſſuage longe ſince decaied in the north eaſt end of Nibley containinge about 30. acres, now the inheritance of Chriſtopher Purnell, holden of George Lord Berkeley as of his manor of Wotton fforren by knight ſervice, ſute to his hundred court of Berkeley from 3 weekes to 3. weekes, and by the yearly rent of—x^s^

Anciently this was the land of Nicholas de la grove, ſomtime written Grover, and after of Belamy, And in 36. H. 6. of Thomas Skey ſonne of John Schay, And in the time of of Elizabeth Audely, who by her will in deviſed the ſame to Nicholas Rogers and Katherine his wife, and to the heires of the ſaid Katherine: which Nicholas dyed in 1 Eliz: and Katherine ſurvived and died in 2. Eliz. leavinge iſſue John Rogers, who died in 13. Eliz. leavinge iſſue David Rogers and Thomas Rogers: David died without iſſue in , And Thomas Rogers was his brother and heire, who in 35. Eliz: aliened the ſame to Jenkin Rees, and hee to Willm Hopkins of Briſtoll, who in aliened the ſame to Thomas Purnell, who by his will in 20. Jacobi deviſed the ſame to his ſecond ſonne the ſaid Chriſtopher Purnell, and his heires, nowe owner therof. A^o^ 1639.

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In Berkeley caſtle are the Accompts of the Reeves of the ſaid Manor of Wotton fforren, in 6. et 7. E. 2, which ſhewe this to bee then the land of Nicholas de la grove als Grover, whoſe ſonne and heire Richard was in ward for the ſame to Thomas then Lord Berkeley; which Richard by a fyne levyed in 7. E. 2. aliened the ſame to Walter Belamy and his heires, ffrom whoſe ſeiſin it keepes the name of Bellamies to this day, 1639. Of which Belamy more next is to bee ſaid.

See for this the Court Roll of Wotton fforren. 25. Eliz. And 13. Eliz.

Co: roll of Wotton fforren, 36. H. 6, Joñes Skey obijt ſẽitus de vno meſs c̃m diverſis terris eid ſpectañ, vocat̃ Bellamies in Birchley, herr̃. redd̃. Walter eſt frater et heres, 40. añoꝝ.

Bellamies place in the ſouthend of this village of Nybbeley, is an ancient meſſuage with divers lands therto belonginge containinge about acres, a myle from the former Bellamies, ſome parts wherof extended into Bradley and Huntenford, And had alſo its name from the poſſeſſion of the foreſaid Walter Bellamy, a very remarkeable ffreeholder in his time, which continues to this day: And is holden of George Lord Berkeley as of his manor of Wotton fforren by the xvjth part of a knights fee, ſute to his hundred Court of Berkeley from 3. weekes to 3. weekes, and by the yearly rent of—vj^{d}. Bellamies place, in Southend.

This Bellamies place was anciently in the beginninge of the raigne of kinge Henry the third, and before, the land of Robert de Stone, father of Robert de Stone, father of Thomas de Stone, who in the begiñinge of the raigne of kinge Edward the ſecond was in ward for the ſame to Thomas then lord Berkeley, And lett by him to the ſaid Walter Bellamy for 40^{s} ꝑ anñ, as the Reeves Accompts of that manor of Wotton fforren from 6. E. 2. to 1. E. 3. doe ſhewe, which are in Berkeley Caſtle. |

The ſaid Thomas de Stone dyed in 9. E. 2. leavinge 2. daughters and coheires, 281
wherof the yonger called Alice was within age, whoſe wardſhip alſo the lord Berkeley had, as the ſaid Accompts doe alſo ſhewe.

The other daughter called Jone, then of full age, was maried to John Sergeant an ancient freeholder in Stone; And in a partic̃on by Deed in 21. E. 3. made betweene Jone daughter and heire of the ſaid Jone, then wife of Walter Hurſt, And

And Willm Swonhunger ſonne of the ſaid Alice, either of them had one halſe part allotted in ſeveralty of theis lands, and ſoe continued for divers generations; wherof ſee more in Stone, fol: 356, 357, And in Waniſwell, fol: 368, 369; And ſee the ptic̃on verbatim. fol: 282.

The foresaid Jone maried to John Serieant had iſſue Jone aforementioned, firſt maryed to Walter Hurſt, ſecondly to Walter Brokenburrowe, and thirdly to Edmond fford; By her two later huſbands ſhee had noe iſſue, but by Walter Hurſt ſhee had iſſue Iſable maryed to Sir John Bitton knight, who had iſſue Katherine maryed to Thomas Rugge, who had iſſue Jone firſt maryed to Sir Robert Grendore knight who dyed in 22. H. 6, as his office found after his death ſheweth, And ſecondly to Sir John Barre knight who died in 21. E. 4, as the office or Inquiſic̃on found after his death ſheweth: And laſt of all the ſaid Jone dyed without iſſue in 1. H. 7, Shee and her huſband Sir Rob: Grendore, havinge in 16. H. 6. entayled all her lands in Stone, Hame, Alkington, Waniſwell, ffaſeild, and Nybley, with the advowſon of our ladies chantry in the Chaple of Stone, for default of iſſue of her body, vpon Thomas Sergeant of Monmouth towne, and the heires males of his body, with remainder to her right heires, which I conceive either to have byn himſelfe, as next of the whole bloud to that John Sergeant and Jone his wife, daughter and coheire of Thomas de Stone formerly mentioned, or next collaterally: The iſſue male of which Thomas (nowe by her death in 1. H. 7. the laſt of this her lyne,) became to bee ſeized firſt of theis lands, which after his death diſcended to John Sergeant his ſonne, who was father of Sergeant, father of Thomas Sergeant, father of Thomas Sergeant, who in 6. E. 6. ſold theis lands in Nybley to one John Smyth, who after conveyed the ſame to James Hadlowe, ſonne of James Hadlowe clerke, who in a°. ſexto Rꝰ Jacobi, ſold the ſame to Henry Hatheway, who alſo by purchaſe had the part of Alice the other daughter and coheire of Thomas de Stone, as after followeth: And the ſaid Thomas Sergeant, ſonne of Thomas, after dyed in 8°. Eliz. leavinge iſſue Thomas Sergeant the yonger (as hee was com̄only called,) who in 14°. and 16°. Eliz. Rñe aliened all the reſt of his before mentioned lands to Hugh Smyth and others, As in the deſcription of Stone ſhall appeare fol: 355, and after.

See a ſyne of all theis lands levied in Octabis purificac̃ois, a°. 15, R. 2. inter Norton et Shawe capellañ, et Edm̃i fford et Joħā vſorē eius, which is inrolled in Rot. clauš. a°. 1. H. 4. in arce Londini.

See the Court roll of Wotton ſſorren, 42. Eliz. after the death of the ſaid John Smyth, and his conveyance of this land, &c. |

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The aforefaid Alice yongeft daughter of the faid Thomas de Stone, was maryed 282
to John Swonhunger, fonne and heire of John Swonhunger, who had iffue betweene them Thomas Swonhunger, who after his father died without iffue, And Willm Swonhunger who was father of Elias, father of Elias, who left iffue John Swonhunger, who died without iffue in 3. H. 4, and 2. daughters, viz, Elizabeth maryed to James Gayner, who alfo dyed without iffue, and Ifable maried to John Thorpe of Briftoll, who had iffue betweene them John Thorpe who died in 9. E, 4, leavinge iffue Richard who dyed in 6. H. 8, and was father of Thomas who dyed in 17. H. 8, and was father of Thomas Thorpe who dyed in 34. H. 8, father of Nicholas Thorpe who dyed in 42. Eliz, leavinge iffue George Thorpe who the next yeare after his fathers death, by the deed dated 16to Aprit a° 43. Eliz, fold the fame to John Birton and his heires, by the name of his meffuage called Bellamies, &c: which John Birton the fame yeare of 43° Eliz. (the yeare hee dyed,) by his will devifed the fame to Thomas Oakes of Wotton and his heires, who in a° 3° Rℓ Jacobi, fold the fame to the forefaid Henry Hatheway, (then hufband to Katherine fifter of the faid John Birton, and to his heires: wherby in him theis two fifters parts, Joane and Alice, were after 287. yeares feverance againe vnited; which lands in all the feverall parcells of them in all places did lye foe equally together, That the lands themfelves would have declared to him that had noe further knowledge, that they were the equall parted parts of two fifters: Of whofe difcents, fince H. 3. to the fale of George Thorpe in 43. Eliz, fee after in Wanifwell and Swonhunger als Saniger, fol: 365. 367. 368.

But fince the vnitinge purchafes of the faid Henry Hatheway, hee and his eldeft fonne John have aliened one clofe called Ruydings containinge about 7. acres thereof, to John Smyth of Southend; And the faid meffuage called Bellamies place with almoft all the reft of the lands, to you William Archard and your heires, as your felfe by deare purchafes and by newe buildings and beautifyinge of the fame, this and the laft two yeares, beft knowe by your accompts, which like a wife man I prefume you have kept.

As for the tofte and 71. acres of land in Nybley called Grovers, which Thomas lord Berkeley purchafed of Walter Bellamy mentioned in the Inquifiĉon found after the faid lords death in 5. H. 5, it is the land of John Wilkens of Nybley which hee purchafed of Henry lord Berkeley in fee farme, wherof fee after in fol: 290.

For more of this Bellamies place fee the Court Roll of Wotton forren 44. Eliz. pt mortē Johis Birton; redd 3d.

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The aforementioned partition made betweene the coheires of Thomas de Stone, remaininge in Berkeley caſtle, is in theis words; vz,

Cest endenture ſait a Berkele le Luinday prochein apres la feſte ſaint michel larchangell lan du regne le roy Edward tiers puis le conqueſt vint et vtime, perentre Willm Swonhungre coſyn et vn des heires Thomas de Stone de vn part, et Water Hurſt et Johanne ſa feme coſin et coheire le dit Thomas de Stone d'altre pte, Teſtmoine, q̃ les dits Willm Water et Johanne ount ſait la purperty et la feuaunce de vn mees vn virge de terre ove les appurtennences in Nibbeleye les q̃x mees et terre remiſtrent adevant en comune enter les heires le dit Thomas nynt departe; Ceſtaſſavoir, q̃ de mees le dit Willm avera et tenera a luy et ſes heires a toutz iours, la ſale et la haute chambre devers le haut chimin ove la moity du gardin deuers
283 cele part, forſpris treſſe | arbres pomers: Et les dits Water et Johanne auerount et tendrount a eux et a ſes heires a toutz iours dit mees la graunge et la perſtrine et la maſon apele wainhouſe, et la moitie du gardin devers cele part, et les [blank] et treſſe arbres, ou la purpartie le dit [Willm] entres de ycel. Et de terre pre et bois accord eſt enter eux q̃ le dit Willm aua le moitie devers le Eiſt, Et les dits Water et Johanne averont le moity devers le weiſt, ſelom les metes et les bounds de ceo enter eux fait; Et les dits Water et Johanne releſſent a le dit Willm et ſes heires tout lour droit q̃ ils ont en cele moity ove les appertunants. Et le dit Willm releſſe et quite clayme pur luy et pur ſes heires a toutz iours as dit Water et Johanne et lour heires tout ſon droit q̃ il ad en cele moite a eux alote et oblige luy et ſes heires a garaunter cele moite a eux et lour heires a toutz iours. En teſtmoiance de quel choſe a ceſtes indentures les parties avantdits entrechangeablement ount mis lour feales.

Jobbins land. olim Chawſies.

Heere alſo in Nybbeley is one ancient freehold late the inheritance of ffrancis Jobbins ſonne of Robert, ſonne of John Jobbins, and nowe of John Smyth of Southend and others, as after followeth; conſiſtinge of a meſſuage and one yard land called Chauſies als Chalſters in Southend in Nybley, holden of George Lord Berkeley as of his manor of Wotton fforren by knight ſervice, ſute of Court, heriot ſervice, and the yearly rent of—6d. paid as followeth.

Thomas lord Berkeley the firſt of that name, who dyed in 28. E. 3. as the Inquiſicon after his death in that yeare ſheweth, by his deed without date, graunted the ſame to John de Egeton in theis words, vz, |

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ffrom the ſaid John de Egeton it ſhortly after came to William de Chauſey, 284
but whether by diſcent or purchaſe I have not obſerved; By the death of which William in 27. E. 1. his heire then in minority was granted with his wardſhip to Richard de Wike, by Thomas lord Berkeley grandchilde of the ſaid lord Thomas, by his deed in theis words; vizt,

Omnibus xp̃i fidelibus ad quos hoc ſcriptum pvenit, Thomas de Berkeley Dñs de Berkeley ſalt̃m in Dño. Nouitis me dediſſe et conceſſiſſe Ricō de Wike cuſtodiam terraꝝ et teñtoꝝ quondam Witti de Chauſy de Nubbeley, que vel quas idem Wittus de me tenuit in capite die quo obijt, vnacum maritagis heredis ſive heredum dci Witti, Habend et tenend dca cuſtodiam et maritagium ſibi Ricō et aſſignatis ſuis vſq; ad legittimam ætatem heredis ſive heredum dci Witti, ſalva rationabili dote Luciæ quondam vxoris dci Witti de dictis terris et teñtis ſibi de iure contingent; Ita tamen quòd heres ſive heredes dci Witti per ip̃m Ric̃m vel aſſignatos ſuos non ſint diſparagati. Ego vero dcus Thomas heredes et aſſignati mei dca cuſtodiam et maritagium p̃fato Ricō et aſſignatis ſuis in forma p̃dca contra ōes mortales warrantizabimus. In cuius rei teſtimonium huic p̃nti ſcripto ſigillum meum appoſui. Hijs teſtibus, Miloñ de Redeburne, Johe Champenyes, Roberto de Bradeſton, Thoma de Beoleye, Thoma de Swonhungre, et alijs - Datū apud Berkel die Jovis in ſeſto ſci Michis, Anno r̃ni regis Edwardi filij regis Henrici viceſimo octavo. A deed in my cuſtody borrowed longe ſince of the heire of the grantee.

After ſome diſcents in the ſirname of Chauſye it came to John de Chauſye, vpon whoſe death in 36. H. 6. a bullocke prized at 2^s was paid for a mountary, as the court roll of the manor of Wotton fforren of that yeare ſheweth: when alſo the deeds were produced.

After it was the land of Nicholas Chauſye who dyed in , leavinge iſſue Elizabeth his daughter and heire maried to , who had iſſue Margaret maried to Robert Stanſhawe, (then lord of Stanſhawe by Sodbury and of Alderley by Wotton vnderedge,) who died in 12. E. 4. havinge in his life time (as the Inquiſicōn after his death ſheweth,) purchaſed the meſſuage and land of John Chauſye, and had enſeoffed the ſame to the vſe of his laſt will, (which I have not ſeene,) leavinge Thomas his ſonne and heire who was father of John Stanſhawe who dyed in 8. H. 8, leavinge iſſue Margery his only daughter and heire maryed to Walſh, who had iſſue Sir John Walſh knight, who in 38. H. 8. ſold this meſſuage and land to John Jobbins who died in , leavinge iſſue Robert

Robert Jobbins who died in , leaving iſſue ffrancis Jobbins aforeſaid, who in Jacobi R̃ aliened about 20. acres therof to William Marten, And hee about 17. acres therof to Richard Marten his eldeſt ſonne and his heires, with |
285 whom the originall Deed made as aforeſaid to John de Egeton remaines, and all other the aforementioned conveyances ; And of the ſaid—6d. cheiſe rent, paies—1d. And alſo aliened more to the ſaid Wiłłm Marten about 16. acres, which hee againe ſold to one Wiłłm Jobbins and his heires, brother of the halſe bloud to the ſaid ffrancis Jobbins, whoſe ſonne John Jobbins now holds the ſame and paies another penny of the cheiſe rent of vjd. And the ſaid ffrancis Jobbins ſold the ſaid meſſuage and the greater part of the ſaid yard land to Henry Hatheway and his heires, And hee to Tobias Hatheway his youngeſt ſonne, And hee in a°. Caroli to John Smyth of Southend and his heires, who dwelleth vpon them ſame ; And of the ſaid cheiſe rent of—6d. paieth—4d. : Howbeit ffrancis Purnell a yonger ſonne of Robert Purnell deceaſed holds one cloſe called Younge croſts containinge about 8. acres, lyinge neere to Schoolmaſters grove, which the ſaid Robert Purnell purchaſed of the ſaid William Jobbins, but paies noe part of the ſaid cheeſe rent : And alſo Wiłłm Beale the elder of Nibley holds of this land in fee, two acres of arrable land in Tetcombe ſeild, and halſe a quarter of an acre of arrable land in Bournſeild, next the kings highway, in the vpper part of his other land there, which hee purchaſed of the ſaid Wiłłm Marten, and hee (inter alia) of the ſaid ffrancis Jobbins, but paies noe part of the ſaid cheiſe rent. 1639.

More of this land may bee read in theis Records, vz, ffinis in banco. 19. R. 2. Inter Johem Thornbury Cłicum de manio de Alderley, talliato Roberto filio Johis de Stanſhawe et Margaretæ vxori eius, filie Elizabethe, filie Nicholai Chauſey, et poſtea eid̃ Margaretæ vxori ꝑdc̃i Robti. ffeodū eid̃ Johi de Stanſhawe : which I heere note for the pedegree.

ffinis in banco. 11. H. 4. Inter Robtum Stanſhawe, de tenẽtis in Bradley, Wotton, et Wortley, feod̃ eid̃ Roberto. Inq : 12. E. 4. pt mortem Robti Stanſhawe ar̃ ; Wherin (inter alia) is found That hee dyed ſeized of one meſſuage and one yard land, 10. acres of meadowe, and 5. acres of paſture, in Northnybbeley, purchaſed of John Chawſey.

Rot. clauſ. 18. E. 4. membr. 17. in dorſo. in arce Londini, for the pedegree ; Thomas Stanſhawe ſonne and heire of Robert Stanſhaw ſen̄, lord of Alderley and other manors.

Inqu :

Inqu : 8. H. 8. p^t mortem Johis Stanſhawe.

Court roll of Wotton fforren. 36. H. 6. John Chauſey dyed ſeized of a meſſuage and one yard land in Nybbley, Rent—6^d Mountuary paid : And Robert Stanſhawe is next heire by purchaſe ; At this Court the deeds of the lands were ſhewed. |

William Marten by deed dated 3. ffebr̃. 15. Jacobi, aliened to Wiłłm Jobbins and his heires of this Chauſies land, a cloſe called Middle leies cont̃ 4. acres, and a cloſe called Youngcrofts perrocke cont̃ 1. acre : which John Jobbins ſonne of the ſaid William hath aliened in ſee to Thomas Dawe of Wotten, who nowe holdeth the ſame. 1639. 286

And alſo by the ſaid deed hee aliened more to the ſaid William Jobbins in ſee, one cloſe called Wickley cont̃ 5. acres, which the ſaid John Jobbins ſonne of the ſaid William hath this yeare aliened to Thomas May and his heires. Rendringe—1^d for all, parcell of the ſaid—6^d.

And the ſaid John Jobbins ſonne of the ſaid Wiłłm holdeth about one quarter of an acre, taken by him out of the ſaid cloſe called Wickley and incloſed into the garden and orchard of the ſaid John, for the inlarginge therof. Soe this land called Chauſies is nowe a^o 1639. 15. R^e Caroli, the feuall inheritances of John Smyth of Southend 4^d, Richard Marten, j^d, Thomas May, Thomas Dawe, and John Jobbins, who pay the ſaid—6^d cheiſe rent as aforeſaid : And alſo of ffrancis Purnell and of Wiłłm Beale, who have other parts of this land as aforeſaid. A^o 1639.

In Nybley alſo is an ancient meſſuage with one yard land of late therto belonginge, containinge about 76. acres, called **Draisies** als **Draysides** lands ; The capitall meſſuage wherof is nowe the faire mantion ſeate of Chriſtopher Purnell younger ſonne of Thomas Purnell of Wike, who in 8vo Jacobi purchaſed the ſame with part of the ſaid land therto belonging of Wiłłm Tracy Eſq, And hee in 4to Jacobi of Thomas Duninge, ſonne of Richard, ſonne of Thomas, ſonne of James Dun̄inge and of Alice his wife daughter and coheire of John Draiſie, ſonne of Wiłłm Draiſye, brother and heire of Walter Dreyſey, ſonnes of John Dreyſey, ſonne of Thomas Dreyſey and of Matilda als Maud his wife ; and before of Richard Drayſide ; And in 1. E. 3. of Nicholas Draiſide, And before of Reginald Drayſide, and of former Anceſtors of that ſirname ; from whoſe longe ſeiſin theis lands are vſually called Draiſies lands to this day, wherof my ſelfe and you my ſonne have

Draiſies land, late Dunnings

have about 40. acres : And as an old deed ſheweth, with Mr. Willm Baſſet (which I
287 have ſeene,) was the land of | Otho ſonne of William, lord of the manor of Woodmancote, who enfeoffed therof William the ſonne of Edwyn ; and was ſomtime the land of Robert. the ſonne of Brightwin, who lived neere, if not at or before, the Norman Conqueſt ; And was holden of the manor of Woodmancote by knight ſervice, ſute of Court, and the yearly rent of—20s. ; nowe the land of 5. or 6. men, All of vs havinge bought out all our ſervices of late yeares, ſave fealty only : wherof read more in Woodmancote fol : 389. And out of theis Records, vz,

Triñ Records in Banco, 2 : H. 4. Rot. 314, And Michas Record 3. H. 4. in banco Rot. 125, for a fine levied in 35. E. 3 betweene Roger Chauſey of Nybley plt̃, And Thomas Drayſide and Jone his wife, defts : of 2 meſſuages and 23 acres of land, then parcell of theis.

Rot. Rediſſeiſiñ in arce Londini in a° 4. H. 4. which ſhewes, That Thomas Drayſide recovered ſeiſin of a meſſuage and 12. acres of land in Nybbeley againſt Richard Elliat of Nybbeley, who againe diſſeiſed Drayſide.

A Comon Recovery of this meſſuage and land is in banco cõi in Eaſter terme, 16. H. 7. Rot. 299, againſt John Drayſey the elder.

The Inquiſicõn in 6. H. 6. after the death of Sir John Berkeley of Beverſton knight findeth, That hee dyed ſeized of the manor of Woodmancote, with the hamblet of Nybbeley to the ſaid manor appertaininge, And that Maurice was his ſonne and heire : And in truth hee had in Nybbeley in demeſne and ſervice neere a ſixt part of Nybbeley, nowe wholly ſold away, as in Woodmancote appeareth, fol : 389.

Chantry of Nybley.

In this Nybley was a Chantry called Schaies chantry, als our Ladies Chantry, wherof a Record in the Exchequer Court in Eaſter Terme, A° 4to Eliz : Reginæ, Rot. 19. ſetteth downe the perticuler lands therto belonginge, And in whoſe tenure the ſame then were, with the poſſeſſion of kinge E. 6. for two yeares ; And a Leaſe therof made to Willm Shellitoe, by that Court. And that 16 acres of that land was heertofore given to that Chantry by one Thomas Munday ; And the other 62 acres by one Schay, All of them then in the tenure of George Dunninge.

This land after grewe very contentious, with much tumblinge thereof, through diverſity of verdicts, one againſt another on either ſide ; At laſt by purchaſe from all

all titles and competitors it came to Willm Tracy Esq. and others in fee, And from them, to my selfe and others : About which land at last a Recovery was had in a writt of right, after issue ioyned. As before is said, fol : 274. |

The Chantry house wherin the Chantry preist lived, is next to the vicaridge 288
house, both of them adioyninge to the Churchyard : And was by Lres patents dated 2º Decembr. aº 2º E. 6. granted by that kinge, to Anthony Burcher and his heires, (inter alia,) And by divers meane conveyances is nowe the inheritance of my selfe, aº 1639.

Heere also in Nybbeley are certaine lands and tenements comonly called Vincents lands. Vincents lands, the inheritance of 12. severall men, as after followeth, holden of George lord Berkeley as of his manor of Wotton fforren, by fute to his hundred court of Berkeley from 3. weekes to 3. weekes, and by the yearly rent of—10s. paid by ffrancis Baker, brother and heire of John Baker lately dead ; But whether in Socage or by knight service, iudge you, out of the Evidences followinge.

In the time of kinge Henry the Third theis were the lands of Burwe or Burgo, After of Walter Burwe ; Betweene whose coheires, vz, Katherine Woht and Richard Cliveden, partition was made by Deed in 48. E. 3. ; And after they were the lands of Richard Wooth her sonne, And after of Robert Wooth, And after of Vincent their cozen and heire, whose seisin gave and still preserves the name of Vincents lands, continuinge in that name of Vincent from the time of kinge H. 6. vnto the 30. H. 8. as appeareth by the Deeds and other Evidences, wherof part doe remaine with the said ffrancis Baker, and some with my selfe, wherin the names of the owners of theis lands are spelled and written as before I have written them.

In which 30. H. 8. Willm Vincent sold theis lands to Sir Nicholas Pointz the elder, knight ; And after in the same yeare, the said Sir Nicholas sold to John Baker and his heires the messuage in Snitend in Nybley, (which is inrolled with the Clerke of the peace,) with the lands therto belonginge ; Which John Baker had also a fyne from the said Willm Vincent in Michas terme aº 4. et 5. Ph : & Mar., who was sonne of Edward and of Emott his wife ; which fyne is of—104. acres of land in Northnybley, Stone, and Berkeley, which I conceive was of all the lands that at any time were the said Vincents, wherof John Baker had but a small part, wherof hee dyed seized in 18. Eliz. leavingē the same to James Baker his sonne and heire, who dyed in 37. Eliz, leavinge issue Robert and Thomas ; Robert dyed without

out iſſue in , And Thomas was his brother and heire who dyed in Jacobi, leavinge iſſue John Baker and ffrancis Baker; which John dyed in September laſt, 1639. without iſſue, And the ſaid ffrancis inheriteth his ſaid houſe and lands as his brother and heire; Howbeit Elizabeth widowe of the ſaid John holdeth the ſaid houſe and the lands therto belonginge in Jointure by the conveyance of the ſaid John and Thomas his father, who in this month of June 1639. remaryed
289 to Edward Hopkins of Wortley in the pariſh of Wotton: And by the tenant | of this meſſuage and land is paid the ſaid—10ˢ cheeſe rent.

By Deed alſo inrolled with the Clerke of the peace the ſaid Sir Nicholas Pointz in the ſame 30. H. 8. ſold to Thomas Rogers and his heires nyne acres and an halfe of this land, which hee the ſame yeare had purchaſed of the ſaid Willm Vincent; The ſaid Thomas Rogers and his heires payinge yearly to him and his heires one red roſe at Midſomer for all ſervices; which (however the reſervacõn bee,) is paid to the ſaid Lord Berkeley at this day, and other ſervices done.

The ſaid cheife rent and ſervices were anciently paid and done to the Manor of Cowley, vntill Henry lord Berkeley grandfather of the ſaid lord George, for the eaſe of his Reeves of that manor of Cowley and of the ffreeholders of theis Vincents lands, (then growne to bee many,) did in 8° Rꝯ Jacobi at their requeſt appoint them and two copiholders more David and Richard Rogers to pay thoſe rents and doe their ſervices at Wotton fforren, wherin the lands doe lye and themſelves dwell, and not at Cowley, 3. miles of. See fol: 292.

In Berkeley Caſtle is an accompt of the manor of Wotton fforren in 16. H. 6, which ſhewes That Willm the ſonne and heire of Richard Othe als Ethe was in ward to Richard Beauchampe Earle of Warwicke for his lands in Nibley, let for 20ˢ 10ᵈ p annñ; At which time the ſaid Earl held the ſaid Manors of Wotton and Cowley by an award made betweene him and James lord Berkeley, for his life.

Theis lands called Vincents are the ſeverall inheritances of my ſelfe and of you my ſonne John, John Purnell of Wike ſonne and heire of Thomas, Editha Marten of Briſtoll daughter of Richard, John Cole of Buſh ſtreete, late Thomas Rogers who died 22° Jacobi, ſonne of Richard Rogers who died 32. Eliz, ſonne of Richard who died in , ſonne of that Thomas Rogers who as aforeſaid purchaſed his part of theis lands of Sir Nicholas Pointz in 30. H. 8. Richard Browninge of Durſley, ffrancis Baker aforeſaid, Willm Rudiford ſonne of Thomas, John Cole of Buſh

Bush streete aforesaid, for the house and backside wherin the said Thomas Rogers lived; Samuell Trotman of Stancombe, Willm Curnocke, Willm Marten of Nibley, Willm Reece of the Rodegreene neere Holts, and John Rogers sonne of John Rogers a younger brother of the said Thomas.

More of this hamlet of Snitend, (wherin this land of Bakers is,) is to bee read in Stinchcombe. in fol: 351. |

290 Wilkins land in Nybley & Sinwell.

Heere also in Nibley and in Sinwell is a messuage at the place called Wood-allends well, with halfe a yard land anciently therto belongingẽ, and a meadowe called Grovers mead containinge about 6. acres in Northnibley, And also one Toft and close of pasture and one farundell of land in Sinwell, and two acres and an halfe of arrable land in the feild in Nibley called Slades; which Henry lord Berkeley by his deed dated 10. Augusti a° nono Regis Jacobi granted to John Wilkens and his heires, reservinge the old rents of—3li. 12d. payable quarterly, And—3li. 6s. 8d. for an heriot after the decease of every tenant of the same or of any part therof, And such sute to the Halimot Courts as the customary tenants there doe performe, and—4d. in money for every default. Howbeit the tenure is of the kinge by knight service in capite, beinge part of the said Lords manor of Wotton fforren, soe holden before the said grant: which John Wilkins still holdeth the same, 1639. See fol: 282.

And I suppose this to bee that land or the greatest part therof wch. Robert lord Berkeley in the time of kinge John for 10. markes granted to Adam de Grava and his heires by the name of Totam illam virgatam terræ in villa de Nibbeleia versus Swunhaiam, Rendringe one pound of Cumin at Michas., Salvo regali servicio. And which Richard-atte-grove sonne and heire of Nicholas-atte-grove, great grandchilde of the said Adam, in 19. E. 2, aliened to Walter Bellamy and his heires; and in 3. E. 3. levyed therof a fyne for his further assurance: Which Walter Belamy had also divers other lands in Nubbeley Wotton and Alkington, containinge 30. acres, somtime the land of the said Richard le grover, which hee in 13. E. 3. sold to Thomas lord Berkeley and his heires; And which the said Lord forthwith after his purchase demised to the said Walter Belamy and to Gonneld his wife and to John their sonne, for their lives, at the yearly rent of—20s.

Martens land in Nibley.

Heere also in Southend in Nibley, is a messuage and 40. acres of land therto belonginge: And also one Toft and halfe a yard land containinge 30. acres in Swyney in Nibley aforesaid, And also three acres and an halfe of arrable land in

in Nibley aforesaid; All which Henry lord Berkeley by his Deed dated 13° Novembr̃. A°. 8. Rꝑ Jacobi granted to Wm̃ Marten and his heires, reservinge the old yearly rent of—33s. 8d. payable quarterly, And sute to the halimot court of Wotton fforren as other customary tenants doe performe, or 4d. for every default. Howbeit the tenure is of the kinge by knight service in Capite, beinge part of the said lords manor of Wotton fforren, soe holden before the said grant, And which the said William Marten then held by Copy of Court Roll accordinge to the custome of the said Manor: Which Wm̃ Marten hath aliened these parcells therof, vz,

William Curnocke holds one close called Pilwell containinge 8. acres, and paieth of the said—33s. 8d. rent—4d. |

291 John Carpenter in right of Margaret his wife daughter of Henry Hayward, holds one close of pasture called Wickley cont̃. about 10. acres, And paieth of the said—33s. 8d. rent 4d.; which the said Henry purchased of the said—

Gyles Clarke holdeth 7. acres of arrable land in Bournfeild vnder the Cockshoot, and an heystall there containinge about 2. acres, and of the said—33s. 8d. rent paieth 2d. which hee purchased of John Jones, And hee of the said Wm̃ Marten.

Richard Marten sonne of the said William, which his father conveyed to him vpon his mariage, vpon good consideracõn, holdeth

And I my selfe doe hold

Trotmans land, and mine, in Fee-farme.

Also Henry lord Berkeley by his deed dated 13° Novembr̃. a°. 8°. Rꝑ Jacobi, granted to Thomas Trotman of Nybley and his heires, Three messuages with 101. acres of land to them severally belonginge, in Nybley, reservinge the yearly rent of—3li. 3s. 4d. payable quarterly, and sute of Court as other customary tenants doe performe, or 4d. in money for every default; And 40s. the peece in name of Heriotts for every of the said three messuages, after the decease of every one dyinge tenant to the premisses or any part therof; One only of which Messuages in fforthey in Nibley

Nibley with 42. acres of land therto belonginge, fomtime in the tenure of Robert Richards, remaineth at this day to the faid Thomas Trotman and John his eldeft fonne, vnder the yearly rent of—33s 4d And the refidue is by feverall grants from him the inheritance of my felfe, and others, as followeth, who pay the refidue of the faid rent, beinge—30s A° 1639. That meffuage in fforthey wherein the faid Thomas Trotman nowe dwelleth beinge holden by knight fervice in capite, and was before held by copy of court roll accordinge to the cuftome of the faid Lords manor of Wotton fforren.

ffor the refidue of the faid meffuages and lands my felfe at that time of purchafe contracted with the faid Lord and his Comiffions, and put the fame into the conveyances made to Thomas Trotman, ffor then, and for neere 2. yeares after, the inheritance was in Willm Dutton of Shirborne Efq, and my felfe, wherby beinge a grantor with the faid Lord and Mr Dutton, (as wee were in more then 100. feefarme leafes to tenants and abfolute fales,) I could not, (till Mr Dutton and my felfe had difcharged the truft,) take the fame in mine owne name, and till after our regrant to the faid lord and his heires by ffyne; ffor this manor of Wotton and divers others were alfo fecurities to him and my felfe for above—6000li which wee vpon our owne fecurities borrowed for the faid lord to pay to Robert Lord Lifle Earle of Leicr, vpon the | compofiçon at that time in 7° Jacobi, made with him. 292

One of which meffuages which I contracted for lyeth in Snytend and was then in the tenure of Richard Nelme, and is holden in Socage, and was fomtime the land of Peter fonne of Thomas de Stintefcombe, of whom the anceftor of the faid lord Henry purchafed the fame, for which I pay the old yearly rent of 18s

The other two meffuages (nowe but one, in the tenure of Willm Payne the younger,) lye togeather at the great greene called Nibleis greene, and were fomtime in the feverall tenures of David Rogers and Richard Rogers vnder the feverall rents of—12s and 10s which I ftill pay: And were by them held by copy of Court roll accordinge to the cuftome of the manor of Cowley, yet holden in Socage alfo, and were in the time of kinge E. 3. purchafed by Thomas lord Berkeley of the Prior of Lanthony with other lands in Cowley called Can-court, or Cannons-court, nowe there held by copies alfo by John Browninge and Richard Partridge, as the Deeds with my felfe doe fhewe: And theis rents were by Henry lord Berkeley turned over to bee thencefortb paid to his manor of Wotton fforren, As I before have written in Vincents lands, fol: 289.

Ralph

Ralph Willet of Wotton an Atturney at lawe, holdeth certaine inclofed grounds wheron an houfe is of late built called Binley, conť 7. acres, which hee purchafed of John Trotman eldeft fonne of the faid Thomas Trotman, to whom, vpon his mariage with the fifter of the faid Ralph Willet, hee conveyed the fame, and were pcell of his meffuage at fforthay aforefaid, but paieth noe part of his rent.

You alfo my fonne John hold 3 fmall clofes in Swyney, nowe in the tenure of Thomas Hughes, which I purchafed of the faid Thos: Trotman and John his fonne and gave to you, conť 4. acres; And more, which I purchafed of them, viz, two clofes called Broadmead and Cherry mead conť 3. acres, in Swyney aforefaid, nowe in the tenure of ffrancis Purnell, but pay noe part of his rent of—33s. 4d.

Patricke Dunninge, mafon, holds one acre and an halfe at Bournftream, wheron hee hath lately built an houfe, which hee purchafed of the faid Thomas Trotman, and of his faid ffee-farme rent payeth—2d. to the faid Thomas Trotman.

John Smyth of Southend Clothier holdeth 3. acres of arř and pafture ground in Rodleis Deane, neere the houfe of Wiłłm Archard, which hee purchafed of Tobias Hathaway younger fonne of Henry Hathaway, who purchafed the fame of the faid Thomas Trotman, And of his faid ffee-farme rent paieth—8d.

And the faid Patricke Dunninge holds alfo the quarre by Bournftreame neere his faid houfe, which hee purchafed of the faid Thomas Trotman, And hee of the lord Berkeley by his deed aforefaid; And was part of the copihold land of George May of Southend, and paies to the lord Berkeley per anñ—4d. holden in capite.

Anthony Hungerford Efq, holdeth |

293 ffor other purchafers of ffee-farme lands, fee in Wotton, fol: [409] and after.

Mundaies lands. Moores mill.

Alſoc in Nibley is an ancient meffuage, with divers lands and a fullinge mill and grift mill under one roofe, of old therto belonginge, comonly called Mundaies land; which meffuage is fcituate at the bottom of the great greene called Nibleis greene, which I conceive to bee holden of the manor of Woodmancote by fealty only. Theis in the time of kinge H. 5. were the lands of John Munday, who had iffue Thomas Munday

Munday, who had iſſue Wiłłm Munday and Walter Munday, which Wiłłm left iſſue Thomas, who had 4. daughters his coheires, vz, Jone maryed to John Rugge, Alice als Agnes firſt maried to Humphry Hadley, and after his death remaried to David Bendall, Eliz: and Jane, who dyed without iſſue, though maryed alſo; Of the two firſt iſſue remaineth at this day, As may bee ſeene in a ſute proſecuted by Engliſh bill in the Chancery in 42° Eliz: by Thomas Rugge ſonne of the ſaid Jone, and John Rugge, againſt Nicholas Munday ſonne of Thomas Munday, ſonne of the foreſaid Walter brother of Wiłłm, who claymed as heires males of the body of Thomas ſonne of the firſt John Munday, which eſtate tayle hee created by a Deed, (nowe with mee,) and prevailed therby in that ſuite: Which Nicholas dyed the yeare after that ſuite ended in 43° Eliz: then very old: leavinge iſſue Wiłłm Munday who dyed in 16° Jacobi, leavinge iſſue 3. ſonnes, viz, Nicholas who died without iſſue in 2° Rꝰ Caroli, after hee had aliened ſome part of this land; And Wiłłm Munday yet livinge, who hath alſo aliened part, and ſtill holds ſome part, And Thomas Munday, to whom his brother Nicholas deviſed the ſaid meſſuage and greateſt part of theis lands in fee, Of whom in 3° Rꝰ Caroli I purchaſed them.

As for the ſaid Griſt and fullinge mills, ſomtimes in ancient deeds called Mundaies mills, the foreſaid Rugge and Hadley and their ſaid wives aliened them to John Moore in fee, (from whom they retaine the name of Moores Mills, at this day moſt comonly vſed,) who in temp: Mariæ Reginæ aliened them to Hampden: And hee about 3. Eliz: to Hilpe, And hee in 9° Jacobi Rꝰ, to Jones; whoſe daughter and heire | called Jone is nowe wife of Richard Triſtram of Briſtoll, who 294
offer them to ſale at this day, 1639.

Purnells land in Southend late Curnockes.

Also in Southend in Nibley is an ancient meſſuage with divers lands therto belonginge, nowe the inheritance of Chriſtopher Purnell aforeſaid, yonger ſonne of Thomas Purnell, to whom and his heires his ſaid father deviſed the ſame by his will, and which hee had purchaſed of Wiłłm Curnocke of Southend, ſonne of Thomas Curnocke, who purchaſed the ſame of Hanbury, one of the Auditors to Queene Eliz: And hee of the ſaid Queene; holden in comon Socage, and was parcell of the poſſeſſions of the monaſtery or Abby of Kingſwood, and came to the Crowne in 29. H. 8. by the diſſolucon of that Monaſtery; An houſe lately by caſuall fire burned to the ground, yet vnbuilt.

Nybley church. antea, fol: 261.

I have seene a faire Deed in 4. E. 4. wherby the yearly rent of—8ᵈ was given ad inveniendam vnam lampadem ardentem coram imagine beatæ Mariæ virginis in Eccleſia

Ecclesia Sci Martini de Nybley: Soe that it seemes the Church was dedicated to S: Martin (the bishop,) whose festivall was the 11th of November, (the sixt returne day of Michias Terme,) and hee the tutelary Saint therof; wherof see before fol: 261. Howbeit the south Isle of this church was of newe added since that deed to the rest of the old church; As in the office of the Register to the Bishop of Worcester at Worcester, (as I am informed) appeareth.

Nybley an hamblett to Woodmancote.

Soe great a part of this Township of Nibley was belonginge in demesne and service to the manor of Woodmancote, As that by Inquisicon in 6. H. 6. after the death of Sir John Berkeley, the Jury found that Nibley is an hamblett belonginge to the manor of Woodmancote. Wherof see in Woodmancote, fol: 389.

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Nimesfeild.

Nimesfeild: In Domesday booke written Nimdesfelle, wherin William the Conqueror had, as that booke saith, three hides of land in demesne, nowe the inheritance of George Bridgeman, sonne and heire of Sir John Bridgeman knight late cheife Justice of Chester, who dyed this last yeare, a° 1638. Holden by knight service in Capite.

As I have formerly written of the discent of the Lop or manor of Hill, fol: 225. In like manner is to bee written of this of Nimesfeild; which beinge granted by kinge H. 2. (amongst many others) to Robert the sonne of Hardinge and his heires, was shortly after, within the first 17. yeares of that kings raigne, conveyed by him to Nicholas his second sonne and his heires, As by the deed mentioned in the description of Hill appeares: Both which Manors kept togeather in the possession of the said Nicholas and his issue male, without severance, vntill the death of Sir Thomas fitz-Nichol knight in 5. H. 5. and then this of Nimesfeild discended in coparcinery to Katherine and Alice[1] his two daughters and heires; Katherine was maried to Robert Pointz, and Alice was maried to John Browninge, whose posterities and names continue at Acton and Cowley at this day, 1639, as in Hill hath byn declared, though neither of their families hath any of theis manors.

John Browninge and Alienor his wife died in the life time of the said Sir Thomas fitz Nichol her father, leavinge issue two sonnes, vz, John Browninge then 20. yeares

[1] Called Alienor in the description of Hill, and below.

20. yeares old, who after dyed without iſſue, and Wiłłm Browninge: which William in 10. H. 6. (before partition was made for ought I finde,) aliened his moity of this manor of Nimesfeilde to Thomas Pointz and Jone his wife in tayle, with the remainder in fee to Robert Pointz his father; To which Thomas and Jone the ſame Robert and Katherine his wife had the ſame yeare in like manner conveyed their other moity of this manor: And ſoe this Lo^p of Nimesfeild again became vnited. Nimesfeild thus in one, the ſaid Thomas and Jone had iſſue—

And the ſaid Sir Edmond Tame dyinge without iſſue in , this manor of Nimesfeild deſcended to his 3. ſiſters and heires; vz, Margaret maried to Sir Humphrey Stafford knight, who in pertition had land in Tetbury and other places: Alice, maried to Verney, to whom this manor of Nimesfeild with others was allotted; and Anne, maried to Watkins of Hereford ſhire. And for the perticularities of the ꝑtitions amongſt theis 3. coheires and their huſbands, ſee a Deed inrolled in the Comon pleas in Michas Terme A^o 2. E. 6. and another in the ſame Court in Michas terme, annis, 13° et 14° Eliz. Reginæ. |

Which ſaid Verney and Alice his wife had iſſue— , father 300
of Sir Richard Verney knight, who in Jacobi R^ℓ, ſold this manor to the ſaid Sir John Bridgeman, who by his death as aforeſaid left it to his ſaid ſonne George, as aforeſaid.

A Manour neither great nor good, but worſe and leſſe, without the old and rich Chantry of Kinley wherwith it is nowe beautified: Vnhappy it ſeemed to bee in the controverſies that aroſe betweene Sir Thomas Throkmerton of Tortworth knight and Sir Henry Winſton of Standiſh knight, and their abbettors; The cauſe wherof An Inquiſicon in 28. Eliz: taken after the death of Wiłłm Smyth ſhall let you in to knowe; who is therby found to dye ſeized of the Manor of Kinley (for ſoe is the Chantry often written) with the appurtenances in Kinley, Nimesfeild, ffairford, and Hampton, holden of Henry lord Berkeley, as of his Caſtle of Berkeley hernes, in free focage by fealty only, for all ſervices; And of two acres in Nimesfeild called the Greenes, holden by knight ſervice in Capite: And that the ſaid Wiłłm Smyth died 9. yeares before, in 19° Eliz; And that William was his ſonne and heire, 10. yeares old at his fathers death.

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This land the faid Wiłłm Smyth in 31°. Eliz: fold to one Wheler, and hee to Hanbury a goldfmith in London, and hee to S^t. Henry Winfton aforefaid: And for a leafe that the faid William Smyth in the fame 31. Eliz: but three daies before hee fealed his conveyance to Wheler, for 1000. yeares at the rent of a pepper corne, to one Bretland, who in 39. Eliz: affigned the fame over to Richard Meffenger, (trufted for Sir Thomas Throkmerton,) have all thofe fatall bills and futes both in the Starchamber and other courts fprange vp, like Hidraes heads, betweene thofe two knights and their partakers, wherof one was heard in the Starchamber in Michas terme 43. et 44. Eliz: what time my felfe was prefent, then intendinge this defcription.

Of which Wiłłm Browninge who aliened to Thomas Pointz as aforefaid, it may be faid perijffet nifi periiffet, for by a waftfull youth hee became thrifty in elder yeares, ffarmer and tenant to the Abbot of S^t. Peters in Glouc for his impropriate perfonage or Rectory of Cowley, a parifh next adioyninge to this of Nimesfeild, where hee dyed in the yeare of kinge , leavinge iffue John Browninge, noe leffe watchfull over his eftate then his fathers elder yeares, as the pardon of kinge E. 4. in the 16th. yeare of his raigne may witnes; who dyed in , leavinge iffue John and Wiłłm: John was a preift and dyed without iffue, and Wiłłm had iffue John and died in ; The faid John fonne of Wiłłm died in 5. Mar, leavinge iffue Richard who dyed in 37°. Eliz:, leavinge iffue John Browninge who dyed in 14to. Caroli regis, and left iffue John, Mary, and Vrfula, that nowe are, 1639. By which Mary the author of this defcription hath iffue five fonnes and 4. daughters nowe livinge, And the 4. eldeft of them 13. more; Of whom you my eldeft fonne by Anne the eldeft daughter of Sir Edward Bromfeild knight have fix for your part, & likely to have more; Thus hath the Almighty multiplied mee, farre beyond hope, for which bleffed bee his holy name evermore. And the faid Rectory of Cowley hath ever fince continued in the pofterity of the faid firft named Wiłłm Browninge, and ftill doth; Each of them in their feverall difcents havinge added to the former poffeffions of his anceftor, And this John that nowe lives, the beft hufband of them all. |

301 Common Inne. A common Inne in this village addes fame therto, by the conftant cuftomary baytes of the Ryppiers and their horfes, each thurfday in the yeare, at fower of the clocke in the afternoone, for one houre only; bringinge South fea fifh in their paffage to the Cities of Glouc and Worcefter, what time many neighbors are furnifhed.

Sir

Sir George Huntley late of ffrocefter knight about 20. yeares paft, found meanes by purchafes exchanges and otherwife, to enclofe a very great proportion of ground with a ftone wall, and therof made a Parke, wherin at his death within 3. or 4. yeares after, (occafioned by a fall from his horfe, wherof hee fodainely dyed, as hee was in openinge of a gate,) hee leaft deere, Conyes, hoggs, fheepe, horfes, rudder beafts, fifh, wood, water, ftones, and quid non! wherof 300. acres or more were taken out of this manor of Nimesfeild; And the inhabitants out of a rurall reluctacõn againft fuch enclofures, afcribe to the iniuftice of that act not only his fuddaine death forthwith after at the place, But the fale of that and all the reft of his land made by his fonne Willm Huntley in a fhort time after, to Sir Robert Ducy an Alderman of London, whofe fonne Sir Richard Ducy now dwelleth therevpon, 1639. The Parke.

By an Inqu: in 17. E. 2. in the Tower of London, John Gifford of Nimsfeild is found to dye feized of a meffuage and 60. acres of land in Nimsfeild, holden of the Kinge in Capite by two pound of pepper: And alfo of 12 acres of land in Nimsfeild holden of John de Oulpen by 2d rent; And that John is his fonne and heire, 21. yeares old. And by Rot. finiũ: 17. E. 2. membr. 7. the faid John did fealty to the kinge for the meffuage and 60. acres holden as aforefaid.

By Rot. claus: 8. E. 1. membr. 8, In a longe proces about the Chaple of Kinley in Nimesfeild, the inheritance of Nicholas fitz Raph, then within age, and the kings ward, the bifhop is forbidden to vifite it. Kinley.

By Inqu: in 6. E. 6. in the Chaple of the Rolls, Willm Stumpe Efq is found to dye feized of the manor of Kinley with the appurteñnts, in Kinley, Nimpsfeild, ffairford, and Hampton, holden of the manor of Berkeley hernes by fealty only for all fervices, And that Sir James Stumpe knight was his fonne and heire, 33. yeares old: But that this manor of Kinley was fetled vpon Willm Stumpe his yonger fonne by a fecond wife, then but 3 yeares old.

By a deed dated on Eafter day, a°. 32. E. 1. It was agreed betweene Thomas de Swonhunger of the one part, and dominum Walterum capellanum cuftodem de Kinley, et focios fuos ibidem deo et beatæ Mariæ fervientes, of the other part, That they fhould hold all the arrable land of the faid Thomas without the enclofure in Nemedesfelde, Yweley, et Olepen, for 9. yeares, &c. |

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302 Fifteene. The payment of the ffifteene or King̃ſilver, when it is granted by parliament, goeth with the village of Hill, vnder the ſom̃e of 8li. 7s. 2d. q. in the onus or charge in the Exchequer; The deduction there, is—36s. 8d. for decaies: The Remanet paid by the Collector into the Receipt is—6li. 10s. 6d. q.; whereof this pariſh of Nimesfeild paies—39s. 8d.

Subſedy. In the laſt Subſedy in a° 5to Rꝑ Caroli were 5. ſubſedy men within this pariſh, who paid—28s. Beſides Sir John Bridgeman then lord therof, beinge at that time Cheiſe Juſtice of Cheſter, rated by himſelfe.

Able men. Of able men for the warres betweene 20. and 60. yeares old, in 6to Jacobi Rꝑ at a generall muſter that appeared before Henry lord Berkeley then Lieutenant of the county, were—26.

Souldiers. And nowe, 1639, of trayned Souldiers vnder Edward Stephens Eſq. their captaine, are

Rates. And if the wholl Diviſion of Berkeley (accompted a 4th part of the county) bee in any taxe for kinge or com̃onwealth rated at—100li., Then this hundred of Berkeley paies therof—33li. 3s. And this pariſh of Nimesfeild—15s. And ſoe after that proportion bee the taxe more or leſſe.

If what is already written ſuffice not, read more of this townſhip and Manor of Nimesfeild out of theis Records; vz,

Inq: 33. E: 1. pro Adam le Walſh, et Nicħo fit Radulphi.
Inq: 6. E. 2: pt mortē p̃dc̃i Nicħi filij Rađi.
Inq: 15. E. 3. Ad quod damnum, pro Joħe fitȝ Nichoł.
Inq: 29. E. 3. pro Joħe fitȝ Nichoł et Eva vxore ſuâ.
Micħas Records. 20. H. 6. Rot. 41. in Sc̃c̃io, c̃m Rem̃ Theſaur̃:
Inq: 9. H. 5. pt mortē Thome fitȝ Nichoł miłtis.
ffinis in banco, 3. R. 2. by Thomas fitȝ Nichoł aforeſaid, de Man̄ijs de Nimesfelde et ffilton.
Triñ Recorđ in Sc̃c̃io. 17. E. 4. Rot. 4. c̃m Remem̃ Theſaur̃.

The Deed triptite in the com̃on pleas inrolled in Micħas terme 2. E. 6, betweene Humphrey Stafford and other the coheires of Edmond Tame, for a partition amongſt them, is already mentioned, with another that followed in Micħas Terme, 13° et 14° Eliz. |

Oakeley

Oakeley Parke. 303

Oakeley Parke: wherof fee before in Alkington, fol: 30. et 64. In the time of kinge H. 3. written Acle.

Vpon this parke or parcell of pafture ground called at this day Oakely or Oakeley parke, but anciently Ocley and Hockley, doe hange, (as alfo vpon Hackmill in Wotton and fome other lands,) In-fupers with the kings Auditors and Receivors of this county; Arrearages of ten times a greater value then the fee fimple of the fame are worth: Occafioned in thofe tumblinge times of kinge E. 6. by a purchafe made by Sir Edward Seymour, (brother to the Duke of Somfet, Protector to kinge E. 6.,) of the faid kinge in the of his raigne, whileft the Manor of Alkington (wherof this parke is parcell) was in the Crowne, togeather with the refidue of the Barony of Berkeley called **Berkeleis lands** in all the faid Accompts, entayled by William Marques Berkeley vpon kinge H. 7. and the heires males of his body in the 4th yeare of his raigne, wherof fee before, fol: [7] Which againe were by the faid Sir Edward Seymour given backe to the faid kinge E. 6. in the yeare of his raigne, by way of Exchange for other lands, after Sir Edward had difparked and improoved them; But into theis Henry lord Berkeley as right heire to the faid Marques Berkeley entered in 1° Mariæ, imediately after the death of kinge E. 6, And foe held them till hee dyed in 11° Jacobi, as his grandchilde and heire the lord George Berkeley ever fince hath, and ftill doth.

Likewise vpon this parke and other lands doe hange other arrerages, which yearly increafe before the kings aforefaid Officers, occafioned by grants and regrants made after the death of Sir Edward Seimour and his attainder, betweene the faid kinge E. 6. and Sir John Thyn; which I heere the rather remember, becaufe ever fince (once in 7. yeares at the leaft,) proces cometh forth for the levellinge of theis arreares and fomes of money out of the Exchequer, directed to bafe and meane perfons whom nothinge will fatisfy or keepe from diftraininge fave bribery & fome money: which the lord Berkeley may avoid (as is well knowne to the Exchequer officers,) by his remainder in fee, for want of iffue male of the body of kinge Henry the feaventh.

The faid Sir John Thyn died in 22° Eliz. as the office then found after his death fheweth: And by Chriftian his firft wife had iffue Sir John Thyn, father of Sir Thomas Thyn that nowe is, 1639. And by Dorothy his fecond wife (after remaried

remaried to Sir Carewe Raleigh,) had iſſue Sir Henry Thyn, Charles, Edward, William, Egremond a Sergeant at lawe, Katherine, and Greſſam. |

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Owselworth.

Owselworth: In the booke of Domeſday in the kings Exchequer is written **Oslenuorde**; wherin kinge Edward the Confeſſor had, as alſo William the Conqueror had, as that booke ſaith, halfe an hide of land in demeſne, nowe the inheritance of Sir Gabriell Lowe knight, holden of the kinge by knight ſervice in capite.

A parish and manor conſiſtinge of 14. dwellinge houſes, wherof I accompt the mantion or dwellinge houſe of the ſaid Sir Gabriell Lowe, called Newe worke, to bee one: The rectory none.

Roger Berkeley of Durseley was ſeiſed of this manor in the times of the ſaid Confeſſor, and of the Conqueror, as the ſaid booke of Domeſdai ſheweth, who leaſt iſſue Willm Berkeley, who in the time of kinge Henry the firſt, the Conquerors ſonne, founded the Abby of S[t] Mary of Kingſwood by Wotton, endowinge it with faire poſſeſſions, wherof read before in Durſeley, fol: 176. And if the ancient Redd booke in the Exchequer had not expreſſed the certificate of Roger Berkeley ſonne and heire of the ſaid Willm, (which ſee before in fol: 177.) wherby hee gives kinge Henry the ſecond to vnderſtand, That in Eſſlewrd (ſoe therin written) hee then had in his demeſne halfe an hide of land, I would have ſaid That the ſame had byn given by the ſaid Willm Berkeley to that monaſtery at his firſt foundinge therof; But a great farme or grange was which the Abbot had, which continued with an increaſe as after followeth till the diſſolution of that monaſtery in 29. et 31. H. 8; wherof reade before in Caldecote fol: [211], And was by them called a manor or the manor of Owſelworth; which ſoe cominge to the Crowne was by—

it came to Thomas Rivet an Alderman of London, To whom Henry lord Berkeley by his deed dated 20. Maij. 14[o] Eliz; at the requeſt of Sir Nicholas Pointz, (as the deed ſpeakes,) releaſed all his right and intereſt in the capitall meſſuage called Owſelworth houſe ats the Newe buildinge, and in the lands therto belonginge, And

And in all thofe lands in Wortley late parcell of the Chantry of St John Baptift in Wortley, And in divers lands in Wortley called the lampe lands; The counterpart of which Deed is in Berkeley caftle.

ffrom which Sir Thomas Rivet by fale it came to St Thomas Lowe, ats Loe, another Alderman of London, and from him to the faid Sir Gabriell his fonne and heire nowe owner therof, as aforefaid, Captaine of the 50. trayned horfe in the Divifion of Berkeley; whofe forefaid dwellinge houfe called New-worke was in the time of kinge E. 6. built by Sir Nicholas Pointz the elder, father of the forefaid Sir Nicholas, partly with the ftones and timber of the forefaid demolifhed monaftery of Kingfwood, fcarce two miles diftant, And partly with the ftones pulled from the Croffes in the parifhes therabouts.

An houfe whofe fcituacõn may feeme (with fmall helpe from the figure Hyperbole,) to overlooke the North pole: from whence may bee feene the Church and village of Owfelworth feated in the depth of a deepe valley, where the inhabitants may (if vfually they doe not) cut make and caft their billet wood and fagots in at their chimney pots, to fave other cariage. |

A place the parifh is, where for a great part each bufh hath its burrowe, and 306
each burrowe a litter of foxes, (delicias humani generis,) ffrom whence the yearly rent to the furrier is ten dozen of cafes; And as George Huntley of Boxwell Efq^r, who dwelled hard by fcarce 40. paces from the borders of this manor, and Giles Daunt gent his fellowe huntfman, dwellinge in the faid houfe called New-worke, (gent of ancient families,) have 30 yeares fince informed mee, their flaughter of foxes (vnles you will call them a quarry) have byn 231. in one yeare, if they miftooke not their Arithmeticke, which I beleive they did not. Parturiunt ifti montes, ready by the next earthquake to cover towne houfes chimnies wood and foxes, Sed non nafcitur ridiculus mus, as the proverbe in Erafmus is; But nafcuntur feptem fancti fontes, feaven excellent fountaines, fprings of admirable water and holy vertue, (as fpeake the inhabitants) iffue forth in reftles abundance, at the feete therof: Theis feaven holy fprings once affembled into one channell, make Hellmill, the inheritance of , And thence followinge their valley and channell downe and downe, confine this hundred of Berkeley from that of Grombaldfafh, vntill they fall into the river of

In this manor is that little fort called the **Broome**, famous for the duell about 30. yeares paft betweene Sir Willm Throkmorton Baronet and Walter Walfh, then of little

little Sodbury, Esq; both of them since devoured by riot and improvidence, with their patrimonies in Tortworth and Sodbury.

By a writt called an old Ad quod damnum, dated 10. April. 35. E. 1, and by an Inquisition thervpon in the same yeare, it appeares That this Abbot of Kingswood purchased of the Abbot of Glouč one acre of land in Bagpath with the Advowsons of the churches of Owselworth and of west newenton, by way of Exchange, In lieu of ten pound rent in Haselden and Culkerton given by the Abbot of Kingswood to the Abbot of St Peters of Glouč; And that the said Churches are holden of John sonne of Willm de Berkeley, in ward to the kinge, in puram eleemosynam; And that the said 10li. rent is holden of Peter de Breowsa, in puram eleemosynam, also.

An ancient booke of knights fees in the Exchequer with the Remembrancer to the Lord Treasorer, in the time of kinge E. 1. saith, The Abbot of Kingswood holds Owselworth of Henry de Berkeley of Dursley, And hee of the kinge.

By a deed without date, Robert de Rochford granted to the Abbot of Kingswood, Totam donationem Willimi de Bretun de vna cotelda terræ in villa de Osleẽrde, quam Alicia Toki eid Willelmo vendidit. And also by his other Deed without date, granted to the said Abbot, Donacõem Galfridi filij Galfridi de Chauci de alia cotfelda terre in eadem villa de Owselworth. To which Robert de Rochford Cecilia was wife, and survived him, in a° 1241, 27. H. 3. As 3 deeds in Berkeley castle doe shewe.

By a deed without date, Lucia filia Roberti de Rochford, soror et heres Willi de Rochford, released to the Abbot of Kingswood All her right and interest in the Manor of Owselworth. |

307 By deed without date, John sonne of Robert the nephew, of Owselworth, gave to Thomas de Rochford All the land which Roger de Berkeley of Dursley gave to Thomas his brother in Owselworth.

By deed without date, John the Nevou of Owselworth, gave halfe his mill in Owselworth to Robert de Rochford, in fee.

By deed without date, Katherine de Rochford gave to Agnes her daughter 8. acres of land in the manor of Owselworth, which shee had of the guift of Robert de Rochford her father in franke marriage.

All

All theis Deeds in Berkeley caſtle.

The Records of Michas terme in 4. H. 3. Rot. 11. in coi banco ſhewe, That Robert de Rochford granted to Andrew de Bere and Alice his wife in taile, the manor of Owfelworth, To hold of him by halfe a knights fee.

By the ſaid Record of Michas terme in a° 4. H. 3. aforefaid, Andreas de la Bere et Alicia vxor eius veniunt et cognoſcunt quod tenent de Roberto Rochford manerium de Owfelworth per ſerviciū dimidij feodi militis, et inde cepit homagium ſuum.

Triñ Rec. in banco, 27. H. 3. Johes de Berkeley de Durſley impleades Thomas de Rochford for his lands in Owfelworth, except the advowſon of the church there. Plita Aſſiſaz. 32. H. 3. ſhewes That Richard de la Bere and Thomas de Rochford were vncle and nephewe, and heere tryed their ſeverall titles; (my notes therin taken were too ſhort.)

By the Records of Triñ terme in banco. 34. H. 3. Rot. 6, Sibill the widowe of Walter de Owſelworth recovered dower of a third part of 4. hides of land in Owfelworth and Newenton, againſt the Arch-biſhop of Yorke.

By Rot. pateñ, 42. H. 3. ps. 1. Jone the widowe of Thomas lord Berkeley brought a writt of Attaint againſt Henry de Wildby, concerninge certaine lands in Owfelworth.

See alſo Simondfall fol: 323. for Owfelworth grange.

Saint Nicholas was the tutelary ſaint and protector of the church of Oſleworth, as appeareth by a Deed without date, To whom it was dedicated. Church.

Many other were the perticuler purchaſes of this Abbot of Kingſwood in this pariſh of Owfelworth. As the Deeds remaininge with Sir Robert Pointz of Acton, which I have read, doe ſhewe.

By Deed dated 1272. 56. H. 3. Henricus de Berkeley Dñs de Durſley recepit 80. marcas de Dño Abbate et Conventu de Kingſwood pro confirmatione Manij de Owſelworth et fine inde facto. |

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308 ffifteene. In payment of the ffifteenth or Kingſilver when it is granted by parliament, The onus or charge to the collector therof is with Newton als Newenton and Bagpath, which goe togeather in the ſome of—[4li. 2s.] wherof this of Owſelworth payeth ; The deduction is [10s.], And the remainder paid by the Collector into the Exchequer is [3li. 12s.]

Subſedy In the laſt Subſedy in a° 5to° Rℓ Caroli, were in Owſelworth and in Newton Bagpath 11. ſubſedy men, who paid—6li. 17s. 4d.

Able men. Of able men for the warres betweene 20. and 60. yeares old, were in 6to° Jacobi Rℓ, which then out of this village appeared before the Leiutenãt of this County at a generall muſter, and in Newton and Bagpath who appeared togeather as alſo, was the officers returne—47.

Souldiers. Of Trayned ſouldiers vnder

Rates. And if the wholl Diviſion of Berkeley accompted a 4th part of the ſhire bee rated in any tax for the kinge or comon wealth at an—100li. This hundred paies therof—33li. 3s. And this of Owſelworth with Newton and Bagpath—20s. And ſoe after that proportion bee the tax more or leſſe.|

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Ouldpen.

Ouldpen als **Olpen**, als **Owlpen**: A little Manor ſeated accordinge to the name; The ſcituation rather givinge the denomination, vz, old, anciently, Aald; And pen, in the Brittiſh head: So compounded of two Saxon or Brittiſh words: Vnles it better like you, Olde, quaſi holepen, (as ſomtimes anciently I have found it written,) the ſcituacõn beinge in as deepe an hole or bottome as elſewhere is to bee ſeene.

It may perhaps like ſome to derive the Etimology from **Owlepen**, quaſi a **penne** or Cage for owles; ſith noe fforeſt made vp of Ivy buſhes can exceed the fitnes for breed and harbour of owles: which derivacõn alſo the coate or bearinge of the Owlpens (owners therof before the time of kinge H. 2.) ſeemeth to countenance, vz, Argent a Cheuron ſable betweene three owles heads ꝑper: which is alſo their ancient, and moderne bearinge to this day.

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In the time of kinge H. 2. it was the land of Barthol de Olepen; After in the times of kinge Richard the firſt and of kinge John of Simon de Holepen, written alſo in thoſe times, Simon de Ollepenne: After in the time of kinge H. 3. and of E. 1. of Bartholomewe de Olepen; After in the ſame time of E. 1. his raigne and of kinge E. 2. of John de Owlepen, (two at leaſt of that name ſucceedinge one another,) And after was the land of another John de Owlepenne, whoſe wardſhip for body and lands Thomas lord Berkeley the third of that name granted in 3. E. 3. to Willm de Cheltenham then his ſteward, by his deed in theis words in french vnder the ſeale of the ſaid lord.

A touts ceux q̃ ce lre verrunt ou orrunt, Thomas Seigneur de Berkel ſalutz in dieux. Sachetz nous avoir done et grant a Willm de Cheltynham et a ſes heires et ſes aſſignees, la gard de touts les tres et tenements John le fitz Robert de Oulepenne neueu et heir John de Oulepene; enſement avouis done et grant au dit Willm, le mariage del dit John fitz Robert, iſſuit q̃ il ne ſoit diſparage; A avoir et tenir la dit gard des dits tres et tents au dit Willm et a ſes heires et a ſes aſſignes, de nous et de nous heires, durant le nonage le dit John fitz Robert; Et ſi il avigne q̃ le dit John fitz Robert devy avant ſon leal age, grantom9 au dit Willm en la manere ſuſdite la gard des dits tres et tents et la mariage de ſon prochein lre ſ'il ſoit deins age, et enſi de heir en heir, tanq; al age de prochein heir; En teſtmoignance de q̃ choſe a ceſtes lres auom9 mis nre ſeale, Don a Berkel le pmer iour de Novembr l'an de ragne le Roy Edward tierz apres le conqueſt, tiertz. (In Berkeley Caſtle.)

After the death of this John the ward the ſonne of Robert, was another Robert de Oulpen who lived in the time of kinge H. 6, and had iſſue Margery his only daughter and heire, who in the time of kinge E. 4. was maried to John Daunt ſonne of Nicholas Daunt: And the ſaid John and Margery dyed togeather in 13. H. 8. As by an Inqu: that yeare virtute officij, after the death of the ſaid Margery appeareth: And left iſſue Chriſtopher Daunt who died in 35. H. 8, leavinge iſſue Thomas Daunt who died in 16. Eliz:, leavinge iſſue Henry and Thomas; Which Henry dyed in 33. Eliz. leavinge iſſue Gyles and ffrances; Gyles dyed in 39. Eliz: ſix yeares after his father, without iſſue; And the ſaid ffrances his ſiſter pretended to bee heire to her brother the ſaid Gyles, and about that time was maried to John Bridgeman, then a younge Barriſter of the Inner temple, After a Sergeant at lawe and knighted, and Cheiſe Juſtice of Cheſter, lately dead, ſhee yet livinge, 1639, who pretended title to this land in right of his wife, but was oppoſed by

310 by the ſaid Thomas Daunt, brother of Henry, | her vncle, by vertue of a former entayle to the heires males, wherby hee caryed the land, maugre the oppoſition of her huſband and of that powerfull and plottinge gent̃ Sir Thomas Throgm̃ton then of Tortworth knight, who both made the maryage, and abetted the title; Againſt whom the ſaid Thomas Daunt exhibited ſuch a Bill in the Starchamber, diſcoveringe ſuch plots and practices, as forthwith (for a ſom̃e of money by way of compoſic̃on paid to Mr. Bridgeman and his wife) drewe on peace, and further aſſurance to the ſaid Thomas Daunt from them both: which Thomas after dyed in a°. 20. Jacobi, leavinge iſſue Thomas Daunt that nowe is, owner of this little manor or rather at this day reputed manor, of Oulpen; which is holden of George lord Berkeley by the ſervice of halfe a knights fee, and ſute to his hundred Court of Berkeley from 3. weekes to 3. weekes; Some of the Records heerafter mentioned findinge the tenure of the ſaid Lords caſtle of Berkeley, and others as of his manor of Wotton vnderedge, to which latter a cheiſe rent of five ſhillings is yearly paid: which heere I diſcuſſe not. The Capitall meſſuage or ſcite of this manor (wheron the ſaid Thomas reſideth when hee is not in Ireland, as for moſt part hee is there dwellinge,) is in Owlpen, but much the greater part of the lands lye in the pariſh of Newton Bagpath. The inhabitants of this Townſhip with their Tythingman are within the Leete of the hundred of Berkeley, where at Berkeley they appeare twice in the yeare.

ffifteene. The payment of the ffifteene or Kingſilver when it is granted by parliament, is paid with the Townſhip of Kingſcote, as hath byn ſaid, fol: 252.

Subſedy. In the laſt Subſedy in a°. 5to. Rℓ Caroli, the ſaid Thomas Daunt was only a Subſedy man in this tithinge, who was rated at 4li. in land, And paid—16s.

Able men. In a°. 6to. Regis Jacobi, of able men ſerviceable for the warres betweene 20. and 60. yeares old, who appeared before Henry lord Berkeley then Leiutenant of the county, taken by ſpeciall direction from that kinge, were—17.

Souldiers. Of Trayned Souldiers vnder Edward Stephens Eſq̃ their captaine, nowe are— wherof—

Rates. If the wholl Diviſion of Berkeley bee in any rate for kinge or com̃on wealth taxed at—100li., Then this hundred of Berkeley paieth therof—33li. 3s., And this village—5s., And foe after that rate, bee the taxe more or leſſe.

More

More of this village of Oulpen is to bee read in theis Records, vz,

A booke of Knights fees with the Lord Trēors Remembrancer in the Exchequer in the time of kinge E. 1. faith, That John de Oulpenne holds there halfe a knights fee of Thomas Lord Berkeley.

Inqu : 4. E. 2. pt mortem Edmundi Baffett, holden—

Vetus Rotuł manerij de Wotton temp : E. 1. Robtus de Oulpen tenet vnā virgatam terræ, et debet fectam Curiæ de 3. feptimañ in 3. Septim̃ et fervicium (regale wants in the Roll.) |

Rot. ffranc̄. 22. E. 3. in dorfo. John de Oulpen continued many yeares 311
beyond the feas with Maurice de Berkeley, And therefore was not to bee diftrayned in his lands.

Rot. finium 22. H. 6. membr : 15. Johes Oulpen dat 6s 8d foluť in hanaperio pro brevi de forma donationis habend. Glouc̄.

Rot. pardoñ, 24. H. 6. membr 33. A pardon to Nicholas Daunt of Wotton vnderedge g̃, brother of John Daunt late of Bernardes Inne in Holborne in the Suburbs of London genť, fonnes of Nicholas Daunt of Wotton Vnderedge geñ.

And Rot. p̄dict. in eod. A pardon to John Daunt of Wotton Vnderedge genť, als dictus John Daunt late of Bernards Inne geñ, fonne of Nicholas Daunt aforefaid.

Trin̄ Rec̄. 20. H. 6. Rot. 10. in Scc̄io c̄m Rem̄ Thefauř, pro Oulpen croft in Owlpen, parcell of the poffeffions of St Barthoł Hofpitall in Glouc̄.

Inqu : 13. H. 8. pt mortē Margeriæ Daunt, before mentioned.

Inqu : 13. H. 8. p̄d, pt mortem Johis Daunt : this is misfiled in the bundle of 1. E. 6. in the Rolls chapple.

Hilł Rec̄ in Scc̄io c̄m Rem̄ Thefauř, 21. H. 8. Rot. 3.

Pafch̄ : Rec̄. ib̄m. 23. H. 8. Rot. 7.

Rot. finium ib̄m. 23. H. 8. Rot. 3.

Inqu : 35. H. 8. pt mortem Chriftopheri Daunt.

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Inqu : 20. Eliz : p^t mortem Thomæ Daunt.

Inqu : 20. Jacobi ; p^t mortem Thomæ Daunt.

Paper booke temp : H. 8.—per fervicium militare.

Of this Manor Thomas Dorney hath part, vnder an Exchange made with Henry Daunt in 28. Eliz : Reginæ. |

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Pedington.

Pedington: Is an hamblett within the Manor of Hame and parifh of Berkeley, And for the moft part the inheritance of George lord Berkeley.

In this hamblet are two ancient capitall meffuages, both of them called by the name of Pedington farme ; the one the inheritance of George lord Berkeley, parcell of his manor of Hame, fomtimes alfo called Somers farme, or Somers houfe, and late in the tenure of Somers, and holden by the faid Lord in Capite by knights fervice as parcell of his Barony of Berkeley : The other was the late inheritance of ffrancis Dynely als Dingley Efq^r, and nowe of Walter Kirle Efq^r in right of Alice his wife daughter and heire of John Mallet late of Bevington deceafed, who purchafed the fame of the faid ffrancis, knowne alfo by the name of Kendalls court: And was in the time of kinge Henry the third the land of Avone, and after of Walton, and after of Trefray, and after of John Kendall; by whofe attainder of high Treafon by parliament in 1. H. 7. for takinge part with kinge R. 3. flaine at Bofworth feild not farre from Leicefter, by that kinge, the fame (amongft other lands) efcheated to the Crowne, As by an Inquifition found by the Efcheator virtute officij fui in 4. H. 7. appeares : And foe refted in the Crowne, till kinge H. 8. in the 4th yeare of his raigne granted this farme (or manor of Pedington as therin it is called,) with Avonfcourt (nowe called Baynham farme,) and Wike Court, to John Dingley, To hold at will. And afterwards by tres patents dated 12. ffebr̃. 9° H. 8. againe granted the fame to the faid John Dingley and to the heires males of his body, To hold in Capite and by payinge two greyhounds as often as the kinge fhall come within two miles of this Pedington.

This John Dingley had iffue male Henry Dingley and died ; And the faid Henry had iffue the faid ffrancis, and died in 32° Eliz., As an Inqu : after his

his death in that yeare ſheweth, wherin the ſaid Lr̃es patents and tenure as aforeſaid are mentioned; And theſe called by the name of three Teñts or manors of Pedington, Avonſcourt, and Wike; And that ffrancis was his ſonne and heire 39. yeares old, who vſed, at one if not at all of theſe three farme places or manors, once in 5 or 7 yeares, to aſſemble his tenants or leſſees and to hold a Court Baron, whervnto they were in their ſeverall leaſes made ſuitors by Covenant.

Thus ſtood theis lands, till kinge James by his Lr̃es patents dated 8. ffebruar̃. A°. 13. regni ſui Anglie, et Scotiæ—49, granted vnto Gifford Moigne and to the ſaid ffrancis Dingley, Omnia illa Maneria de Pedington, Avonſcourt, et Wike, annui valoris—13li. 6s. 8d. quondam parcell terrarum Joñis Kendall, et nuper Joñis Treffray, et poſtea Joñes Dingley et heredum maſculorum de corpore ſuo littime procreat̃ per lras ſuas pateñ dated 22. Octobr̃ 10. H. 8. (ſoe recited if not miſtaken, for ſurely there are lres patents dated 12. ffebr̃: 9°. H. 8. as aforeſaid:) To hold to the ſaid Dingley and Moigne and their heires, by ſuch and the like ſervices and rents as before the ſame were held. And the 16th. of May a°. 44. Jacobi, after a com̄on r̃couy ſuffered, the ſaid Moigne and Dingley made pertition: And accordingly, (for all this was to enable Dingley to alien,) in 15°. et 16°. Jacobi, The ſaid ffrancis Dynely als Dingley and Elizabeth his wife, and Henry his ſonne and heire and Jone his wife, ioyned in | ſale of almoſt all the ſaid ffarmes and lands, (Baynham 314
ffarme als Avons Court excepted,) to Mathewe Smyth of Waneſwell, Robert Atkins of Newport, and John Saniger of Saniger, and their heires, who according to the truſt repoſed in them forthwith in the ſame and the next yeare after granted over to other pticuler leſſees therof, that which themſelves held not or were not to keepe: vpon which ſales made of 370. acres or therabouts, the ſaid Mr. Dingley raiſed—1130li. of about 24. leſſees: which before this yeare, 1639. a°. 15to. Rꝑ Caroli, have afforded the kinge 7. or 8. wardſhips, with as much loſſe almoſt to the lord Berkeley, for that the moſt of them held lands of the ſaid Lord by knight ſervice, havinge noe other land held of the Crowne ſave ſmall parcells of this, nowe thus purchaſed, wherof they ſeverally (ſome ſcarce of one acre,) died ſeized.

Theis Records will ſhewe ſomwhat more touchinge Pedington, with Baynham farme, and Wike Court, then formerly is delivered, vz,

Triñ Rec̃. 1. et. 2. R. 3. Rot. 138. in banco. Willus Minſterbrooke petit̃ verſus Willimum Berkeley Comitem Nottingham,—59s. redd̃ cū ptiñ in Pedington, Avonſcourt, et Wike, cū ptineñ.

Original in Scc̃io c̃m Rem̃ Theſaur̃. 4. H. 8. Rot. 139.

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Originał ibm. 10. H. 8. Rot. 13.
Triñ Rec̃, ibm. 7. H. 8. Rot. 27.
Pascħ : fines : 33. Eliz : Rot. 6. in Scc̃io pd.
Pascħ : Rec. 37. Eliz : Rot. 134.

Planches : or la planca.

See before in Came. fol : 129.

Pockhineton ; als : Pockhampton, als Pockington :

See before in Hineton : fol : 229. et 230. |

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The Ridge.

The Ridge ; or **Le Edge** ; or **la Egge** : is an hamblet consistinge of dwellinge houses within the parish of Wotton vnderedge, seated betweene the vpper part of Nybley and Symondsfall, reputed at this day to bee parcell of the Manor of Owselworth the inheritance of Sr Gabriell Loe als Lowe, knight, holden by him of the kinge by knight service in Capite : Howbeit anciently it was a part of the lord Berkeleis great Manor of Wotton, and severed as followeth ;

Thomas Lord Berkeley the first of that name (who dyed in 28. H. 3.) did about 20. H. 3. give to Thomas de Berkeley his second sonne and to his heires, amongst others, theis lands at the Edge ; As indeed they lye at the edge or browe of a steepe hill there descendinge from Symondsfall. Which Thomas dyinge vnmaried and without issue in 31. H. 3. gave the same to the Abbot of Kingswood and the Monkes there, by severall Deeds which at this day are in Berkeley castle, wherin hee mentioneth the intents of his guifts to bee for the welfare of his owne soule, and of his fathers and mothers, and of all his ancestors and freinds ; Which guifts

guifts the lord Maurice Berkeley his eldeſt brother afterwards confirmed to that Monaſtery, As by their Deeds yet in Berkeley caſtle appeareth : In this fort remained theis lands, till the diſſoluc̃on of that Monaſtery in 31. H. 8. And then were granted with the manor of Owſelworth as parcell therof, As in the deſcription of that Manor I have formerly mentioned. fol : 305.

An Inquiſic̃on in 27. E. 1. findeth, That Walter Paſſelowe gave to the Abbot and Covent of Kingſwood the 4th part of a meſſuage and of one yard land in la Edge, als the Ridge.

And by a Deed in Berkeley Caſtle, in 10. E. 2. A° Dñi. 1317. Sir John Berkeley knight a younger ſonne of Thomas Lord Berkeley, and the Lady Havyſia wife of the ſaid Sir John, havinge noe iſſue, made this Abbot of Kingſwood and their Covent their heire, to whom they gave all their lands in this place.—Thus was this hamblett made vp to that Monaſtery.

See more heerof in Symondfall. fol : 323. |

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Severne. 317

Severne : or the River of Severne is remarkeable in each Engliſh hiſtory : my intention is to touch only ſuch obſervations as I have met withall, not in any of them, as I conceive.

Severne waſheth the ſhoare of this hundred of Berkeley about 18. miles, not accomptinge crookes turnings or meanders ; The midſt of wch length I place at the houſe of John Toyte in Hineton, where the paſſage is into the fforreſt of Deane, (even nowe in a° 1639. in diſafforreſtinge,) called Pirton als Piriton paſſage, where this River at full ſea is not much leſſe, if leſſe, then two myles broad : In this place it floweth 3. hours and ebbeth 9. twice in each 24.

And for the time of the full ſea at this paſſage, the time of the firſt turne, and the houre of floud, for every natural day, from the full of the moone, or from the change, take this table followinge as I have received it, ſent mee for my direction in paſſage.

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The firſt of the ſeaven columes ſheweth the dayes of the moone from the full or change : The ſecond and third columes the houres and minutes of full ſea : The 4th and 5th the houres and minutes of the firſt Turne : The 6th and 7th The hours and minutes of floud that day.

Moons Age	Full Sea		Firſt Turn		Flood	
	H	M	H	M	H	M
1	8	48	12	8	5	8
2	9	36	1	36	6	36
3	10		2	24	7	24
4	10	30	3	12	8	12
5	11	10	3	36	8	36
6	11	50	4	6	9	9
7	12	20	4	50	9	50
8	1		5		10	
9	1	30	5	30	10	30
10	3		7		12	
11	4		8		1	
12	5		9		2	
13	6		10		3	
14	7		11		4	
15	8		12		5	

Only note, that the beinge of the winde may ſomwhat further or hinder the time of paſſage at full ſea, but not much : yet if the winde blowe ſtronge vpon the Eaſt, the paſſage will bee one houre ſooner then uſuall.

And note alſo, That if the Moone bee at the full or change in the afternoone, your accompt in this table muſt begin from the day followinge.

In January in the 4th of kinge James, aº Dñi. 1606, was ſoe great a Tyde, made greater with a ſtronge winde, that it overflowed a great part of the lower countrey adioyninge, drowninge divers men and woemen, and cattle of all ſorts ; The like wherof happened that time 40. yeares before ; growne remarkeable in many hiſtories already, which Mr Camden placeth in January 1607. by beginninge the yeare of our Lord the firſt of that month, which I followe not, neither heere nor in any part of theis deſcriptions. |

318 By often conference with the fiſhermen inhabitinge this river, and eſpetially at my holdinge Courts for thoſe Manors that doe adioyne to the river, togeather with

with mine owne obſervations, I have found 53. ſorts of ſea fiſh in this river within the limits of this hundred, which have byn in the time of my Stewardſhip taken therin, and called as followeth ; viz,

The Sturgeon, Porpoiſe, Thornpole, Jubertas or a yonge whale, als the herringe hogge, The Seale, the Swordfiſh, the ſalmon, wheat trout or ſuen, The turbut, Lamprey, Lamperne, Shad, tweat, the wray, the houndfiſh als the dogfiſh, the ſole, the flooke, als the flounder, the ſand flooke, reſemblinge the ſole, A barne, a Cod, a Card, An eele pout, A mackarell, the Sunfiſh, the hake, An haddocke, a Roucote, the ſea tad, A plaice, the millet als mullet, the Lynge, A dabbe, A yearlinge, An horncake, the Lumpfiſh, A gurnard, both red and gray, A cuttlefiſh, a whitinge, a little crabbe, the Conger als the conger eele, beinge the hee-fiſh, and the Shee fiſh is called a quaver, the Dorry, the huſwife, the herringe, the ſprat, the pilchard, the prawne, the ſhrimpe, the eele, a ſauzon, or great fat eele, Elvers, ſuppoſed by ſome to bee the younge eele, the baſe, the ſea breame, and the Halibut : In all—53.

Of a ſewe of which, experience aſſures vs That the leſſer the Sturgeon is the more wholſome and tender, and the belly to bee preferred before the backe.

The belly of the ſalmon is tendreſt ſweeteſt and pleaſanteſt, and his eies wholſomer then of any other fiſh : The ſalmon growes by theis degrees and ages : vz, 1. a pinke ; 2. a botcher ; 3. a ſalmon trout ; 4. a gillinge ; 5. a ſalmon ; Soe in perfect and full age at 5. yeares, As an oxe or bucke ; **And** (generally) in this part of the River, the prime ſeaſon for the goodnes of the ſalmon goes out when the Bucke comes in ; And comes in when the Bucke goes out.

The Sole wee call our Seaverne Capon ; A meate of prime note.

Of the plaice, wee ſay quanto grandior eò melior.

Prawnes and **Shrimpes** are held by vs an excellent food for every age and conſtitution ; Of excellent temperature and ſubſtance, and of eaſy concoction ; If fiſhes may bee reſtorative theis wee ſay are they.

With the Lamprey, I will conclude my cookiſh obſervations ; A fiſh of note and eminency, entringe this river with the newe yeare and then of five monthes abode ; whoſe ancient and old eſtimation conceive by theis Records in the Tower of London.

Rotulus

Rotulus finium. 2. Johis. Homines de Glouceſtria dant Dño Regi 40. marcas, pro habenda benevolentia ſua, quia eum non reſpexerunt, ſicut debuerunt, de lampreis ſuis.

Rot. Liberačoñ: 10. H. 3. membr. 3. Comandment is given by the kinge to the Sheriffe of Glouceſterſhire to proclayme in the County that noe Regrators ſhall buy **Lampreyes** taken in ſeverne, wherby the kinge or his people ſhould pay the deerer for them.

Rot. Liberačoñ. 14. H. 3. The kinge the 12th of March comaunds the ſaid Sheriffe to buy for him 24. lampreyes, and to ſend them to him to Lurgefall.

Rot. Liberačoñ. 17. H. 3. and other like Rolls ſhewe that noe yeare paſſed, but that the kinge had Lampreys and heryngs from Severne.

Rot. Clauš. 21. H. 3. membr: 16. The 4th of March, the kinge then beinge at Canterbury by his writt comands the Sheriffe of this County to bake for him all the lampreyes hee can gett, and to ſend them to him by his Cooke: And when hee ſhould bee neerer Severne, then to ſend them vnbaked, as longe as they may come ſweete, for him and his Queene to eate. |

319 Rot. Libeř. 24. H. 3. mem: 16. The 27th of ffebř, the ſaid kinge by his writt comaunds the Sheriffe of this County not to ſuffer any man to buy any lampryes, but that hee buy and ſend them all to him wherſoever hee bee, for all the lent.

Rot. Libeř: 26. H. 3. ps. 1. mem: 4. ſhewes, That the Sheriffe of this county ſent the kinge in Lent this yeare—188. lampries, and 56. freſh heryngs; All which coſt the kinge—12li. 7s. 3d.

Rot. Clauš. 32. H. 3. The kinge by his writt the 28th of ffebř. comands the Sheriffe of this County to ſend two parts of all the Lampreies hee can buy or get, to him to Norwich, And the other third part to his Queene to Windſore Caſtle.

And in Berkeley Caſtle is an Accompt of the keeper of the Wardrobe in 41. E, 3. which ſhewes, That Maurice lord Berkeley in December, ſent the kinge ſix lampries, which coſt him—6li. 7s. 2d. And the cariage of thoſe 6. to the king coſt—6s. 8d.; And in Aprill followinge ſent the Abbot of Glaſtenbury other 6. lampries, which

which coſt him 31s. 6d. But enough of this Lamprey, though of them the fiſhermen never thinke they have enough : ſuch continueth their eſtimation to this day, 1639.

In this River, as farre as this Hundred of Berkeley extendeth, the lord Berkeley and his tenants holdinge vnder him, have from Shepardines paſſage, (which is neere to the Lor. of Hill,) alonge the river by the deepeſt part of the Channell, a ſeverall and free fiſhinge, extendinge to the vttermoſt part of the Lor. of Slimbridge : Howbeit at certaine places and ſeaſons of the tide in lakes or pooles, any ſtranger may with a Becknet or Ladenet, fiſh, (but not with any other longe net or draught nett,) and take any other fiſh (ſave piſces regales, vz, Royall fiſhes, as Sturgeon, Seale, Thornpole, or Porpoiſe, which are ſolely to the ſaid lord,) And they are the fiſhermans owne, except the fiſh ſoe taken bee ſalmon, gillinge, Shad, or Lamprey; The cuſtome of which, (called galeable fiſhes,) is in this manner; The fiſherman ſets the price of ſuch his fiſh ; The Lord chooſeth whether hee will take the fiſh and pay halfe that price to the fiſherman ; or refuſe the fiſh and require halfe the price of the fiſherman ſoe ſet by him ; The price or moity taken is called the Gale ; The Lords ſervant or farmer therof, the Galor ; And theis foreſaid ſorts only are called Galeable fiſhes, or the gale fiſhinge ; Howbeit it is ſaid That if the fiſherman, before the lords galor can come cry or call to him, doe eſcape or gett ſoe farre as paſt the full ſea marke with his fiſh to land, and put graſſe into the mouth therof, that therby that fiſh is freed from payment of gale. But noe ſtranger may fiſh in the Chañell with Longnett Becknett or Ladenet, nor may ſhoote any racknett within any of the pooles in this River, vntill the dead lowe water, that is vntill the poole hath leſt drivinge.

In the 4th yeare of kinge James a troubleſome ſuite in the Court of Chancery aroſe, betweene Henry lord Berkeley plt̃ and one Wiłłm Dunninge, yet livinge, and others of the fforreſt ſide of Deane, defts, wherin many witneſſes were examined: In which ſuite one mayne queſtion was who ſhould ſet the price of the galeable fiſh, whether the fiſherman who takes the fiſh, or the Lords galor : Which was adiudged for the Lord, that the fiſherman ſhould ſet the price ; To which ſute I referre you if you deſire to vnderſtand more of the Cuſtomes of this noble | river ; The 320
proceedings wherof are in Berkeley Caſtle exemplified vnder the great Seale of England.

If a Sturgeon bee taken, in whoſe ſeverall fiſhings or putts ſoever, it is the Lord Berkeleis, And by the taker to bee brought to his Caſtle of Berkeley : Howbeit

beit the lord of cuſtome gives the taker vpon delivery of the Sturgeon halfe a marke in money, and a longe bowe and two arrowes, or halfe a noble in lieu therof.[1] But if a whale bee taken, (as a younge whale or Jubertas of 22. foote longe was, in the 18th yeare of kinge James, A°. 1620. whoſe picture, rudely drawne, is in the great hall in Berkeley caſtle,) that hath noe retribution of right from the Lord: not foe much as for makinge the dray wheron that fiſh was drawne, wherat were tyed 35. yoke of oxen; A fiſh which yeilded an oyle then ſaid and ſtill beleived to bee very ſoveraigne and medicinable for aches, &c.

All fiſh that is taken ought of ancient cuſtome to bee brought to the Markett Croſſe in Berkeley towne, and there to bee pitched one houre, before the fiſherman may carry and ſell the fiſh out of the hundred to any other; which havinge, through the abſence of the Lord and his cheiſe officers, for ſome yeares byn neglected, was of late yeares, through the livinge and abode of the lady Elizabeth Berkeley, mother and guardian to the nowe lord George, at Berkeley and Whitcliffe parke lodge, ſomwhat revived.

In this river is alſo a tyde in each weeke called the Lords tyde, when the lord hath all the fiſh in certaine places taken therat: And the next tide, called the parſons tide, for his tithe fiſh; The Lords on the Thurſday, the parſons on the friday the next after; wherof the ſaid ſute in Chancery againſt Dunninge and others, ſpeakes more at large: which Roger Kemis, conſtable of Berkeley caſtle, then in the time of kinge James livinge there, revived and enioyed.

The liberty of the lord of this hundred in this river, beginneth, as hath byn ſaid, at Sheperdines paſſage, extendinge alonge the river by the deepeſt part of the channell where for the time it is, to the vttermoſt part of the manor of Slimbridge, which is there divided from the liberty of other men by a ſmall river or freſh Inlet called fframptons pill: And of ſoe much of the ſaid river of Severne as lyeth within the pariſh of Arlingham, with the pooles and lakes therin, with liberty and freedom of pitchinge rowes of ſtakes overthwart or croſſe the ſaid lakes or pooles.

See more of this River in the Manors of Hill, Hame, Hinton, Slimbridge, and Arlingham, which bound vpon the ſame; The middle of whoſe channell is their vtmoſt bound on that ſide, each of them. |

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Simondſale

[1] We learn from Mr. James Herbert Cooke, F.S.A., the preſent Steward of the Berkeley Eſtate, that £1 is now paid for every Sturgeon brought to the Caſtle. [Ed.]

Simondsale.

Simondsale; In the booke of Domesdai, written, Simondeshale; wherin kinge Edward called the Confessor had, as that booke saith, one hide of land in demesne; An ancient manor parcell of the Barony of Berkeley, the inheritance of George Lord Berkeley, and holden by knight service in Capite.

It is within the parish of Wotton, and had anciently its Chaple belongingẽ vnto it, Which, with that of Nibley, were all the chaples belonginge to that mother church of Wotton: But this is now decayed, the ruines scarce appearinge; And the manor it selfe hath altered its essence, reputed at this day but a farme, called Simondsall farme.

Noe place for health and habitation from the midst of Aprill to the middle of October, can bee better seated; The aire soe wholsome and digestive., That it hath created a comon and constant proverbe of bringinge to our tables Simondsall sauce, meaninge a good and hungry appetite to eate: And as the aire is pure, soe the farme house (well worth—230li. per Annũ,) stands in the highest place of all this hundred, it beinge generally beleived That the little hill or tumpe neere to this house, (supposed to bee a Danish or Saxon grave of some great Lord,) is the highest earth in the kingdome of England; And yet noe place is or can bee better watered with many delicate and wholsome springs then this, heerin arisinge: And wee hundredors are perswaded, That if any English scituation could bee wholsomnes of aire promise eternity of daies, it were heere to bee expected; So that the inhabitant bee furnished with a great wood pile for winter.

Simondsall farme and the hamblet of Combe make but one Tithinge, and are within the Leet or Lawday of Berkeley hundred, And equally pay togeather in all levies and rates. Rates.

If the Division of Berkeley, (often and againe before spoken of,) bee rated in any levy to the kinge or Comon wealth at 100li., Therof Simondsall and Combe pay —20s., as beinge a iust hundredth part therof. wherof see before in Combe, fol: 151. Rates.

By a Deed without date, the Abbot of Kingswood granted to Maurice lord Berkeley sonne of Thomas de Berkel and his heires, and to all his tenants of Simondsale, to have free ingresse and egresse through his land of Egge, (which the Abbot

Abbot had of the guift of Thomas de Berkeley brother of the faid Maurice, whereof fee before fol: 315,) for all manner of their cattle to drive and lead from Simondfall vnto the water called Lodewell, and there to water, foe that the Abbot bee not damnified in his corne or pafture.—In Berkeley caftle this Deed.

The 10th of ffebr̃: A° 31. E. 1. An award by mediation of freinds therin named, was made betweene Thomas lord Berkeley and Maurice his fonne and heire of the one part, And the Abbot of Kingfwood of the other part; That the Abbot and his fucceffors fhould finde a pound or fold of—240. fheepe at their charges, from the third day of May yearly vntill All Saints day, vpon the faid Lords land at Simondfale, except 3. daies for the faid Abbots fhearinge of his fheepe; But provided, that if the Abbot have noe fheepe vpon his granges of Egge Owfelworth and Caldecote, becaufe of Rott or other neceffity, (all fraud and malice excluded,) then, duringe that time, not to bee bound to finde that fould: Nor if the faid Lord and his tenants (called villanos in this award,) have at any time above 800. fheepe vpon their pafture of Simondfale, then alfo the Abbot not to bee bound to finde the faid fould.

See Caldecote. fol: 121, And Owfelworth. fol: 307.

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Slimbridge.

Slimbridge: Anciently written Slimbrugg̃, is a remarkeable parifh, The Church or Rectory wherof belongeth to Magdalen colledge in Oxford by the guift of Maurice lord Berkeley the 5th of that name, in 19. H. 7; Howbeit his elder brother whileft hee was Earle of Nottingham had by a defeafible title given the fame; who dyinge without iffue, it was by the faid Maurice his brother and heire of newe granted, of the value of—250li per Annũ; Whofe laft Incumbent Lawrence Bridger fate Rector there 55. yeares, and dyed very rich and honeft, in a° 1632, nowe fucceeded by Nicholas Richardfon, a learned man, fenior fellowe of that Colledge.

The Manor of Slimbridge is the inheritance of George Lord Berkeley, holden of the kinge by knight fervice in Capite; And is not mentioned in Domefday booke in the Catalogue of thofe manors which make the great Manor of Berkeley, wherof fee

ſee before fol: 6. 7. et 209. But then was the inheritance of Roger Berkeley of Durſeley, father of William Berkeley founder of the Monaſtery of Kingſwood; whoſe ſonne Roger Berkeley in the time of kinge Stephen gave this Manor of Slimbridge to Alice his daughter in mariage, when ſhee vpon the Agreement then made betweene her ſaid father and Robert the ſonne of Harding, became wife to Maurice ſonne and heire of the ſaid Robert ſonne of Harding; which agreement copied out of the originall vnder ſeale, is in theis words, vz;

Iſtæ ſunt paĉtiones quæ faĉtæ fuerunt inter Robertum filium Hardingi et Rogerum de Berkeley, in domo Roberti filij Hardingi apud Briſtow, in preſentia Dñi Henrici Ducis Normanniæ, Aquitañ, et Comitis Andegaviæ, eiuſdem aſſenſu, et in preſentia multorum aliorum Clericorum et laicorum: Mauricius filius Roberti filij Hardingi cepit filiam Rogeri de Berkeley in vxorem, Ita quod Rogerus dedit Mauricio cum filia ſua in matrimonio Slimbrugg̃, quæ eſt de hereditate ſua, hoc eſt, decem libratas terræ; Et Mauricius aſſenſu patris ſui Roberti filij Hardingi dedit filiæ Rogeri quam cepit in vxorem in dotem virginti libratas terræ de ſeodo de Berkeley, aſſenſu Dñi Henrici Ducis, tali convenĉõne; quod ſi Mauricius filius Roberti moreretur antequàm cepiſſet filiam Rogeri in vxorem, frater poſt eum primogenitus acciperet eam in vxorem p ſupradiĉtas conventiones; Et ſi ille alter filius Roberti moreretur ante ſponſalia filiæ Rogeri, quiſquis de filijs Roberti poſt eum heres remaneret, filiam Rogeri in vxorem acciperet; Similiter ſi filia Rogeri antequam deſponſaretur Mauricio filio Roberti moreretur, ſecunda poſt ipſam Mauricio daretur in vxorem, vel cuicunq̃ fratrum ſuorum qui heres remaneret poſt ipſum Mauricium; Ita et de ceteris filiabus Rogeri ſi primogenitæ morerentur, illa quæ remaneret poſt ipſas daretur illi de filijs Roberti filij Hardingi qui heres eius remaneret, ſicut ſuperius prelocutum eſt: Preterea filius Rogeri de Berkeley qui heres eius eſt debet accipere in vxorem ſuam de filiabus Roberti filij Hardingi, et Rogerus de Berkeley debet illi filio Roberti dare in dotem manerium de Siſton de Briſtott, quod manerium eſt de hereditate Rogeri. Et Robertus filius Hardingi debet dare in matrimonium cum filia ſua filio Rogeri, decem libratas et decem ſolidatas terræ apud Durſeley, eo paĉto; quod ſi vna de filiabus Roberti filij Hardingi moreretur, antequam filius Rogeri eam acciperet in vxorem, altera filia daretur illi; Et ſi vtraq̃ filia Roberti ante ſponſalia moreretur, filius Rogeri qui 326
eius heres eſt acciperet in vxorem filiam Hugonis de Haſele, neptem Roberti filij Hardingi. Siter ſi | primogenitus Rogeri de Berkeley moreretur ante ſupradiĉta ſponſalia, ille de ſr̃ibus ſuis qui remanet poſt ipſum primogenitus et heres, acciperet in vxorem vnam de filiabus Roberti filij Hardingi qui domi ſunt, vel ſi vtraq̃ ante

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ſponſalia moreretur, filiam Hugonis de Haſele per ſupradictas pactiones: Has pactiones affidaverunt Robertus filius Hardingi et Rogerus de Berkeley, tenere et ſervare ſine fallacia et dolo, et poſuerunt Dñum Henricum Ducem obſidem et Juſtic̃ inter ſe de ſervandis his pactionibus. Hoc etiam affidaverunt probi octo viri ex parte Roberti, et alij octo ex parte Rogeri, quorum nomina ſunt hæc; Ex parte Rogeri, Wiłłus filius Henrici, Rogerus de Schai, Rad̃us de Iweley, Walterus, Engewaldus de Goſinton, Guido de rupe, Guayſarus de planca, Hugo de planca ſr̃er eius. Ex parte Roberti, Hugo de Haſele, Nigellus filius Arthuri, Robertus de Sautmaris, Elias fr̃er Roberti filij Hardingi, Jordanus frater eius, Jordanus le Faire, Ric̃us filius Roberti, David Duncepouche; Et iſti viri Robertus et Rogerus in his pactionibus ſervandis totis viribus tenebunt; Quod ſi Robertus et Rogerus de his pactionibus vellent exire, Iſti cogent eas pactiones tenere quantum poterint; Et ſi ipſi acquieſcere noluerint iſti viri de ſervicio et amore eos reducent. Et propter has ſupradictas pactiones, Rogerus de Berkeley clamavit quietum totum chalangum ſuum, et quicquid iuris habebat in firmâ de Berkeley.[1]

Theis

[1] The following is a literal copy of this important and intereſting Deed, now exiſting in the muniment room at Berkeley Caſtle, for the loan of which we are indebted to the courteſy of Mr. James Herbert Cooke, before mentioned.

Iſte ſunt pactiones quę facte fuerunt inter Rod^r^tū filiū hardingi 7 Rogerū de Berckeł in domo Rodƀti filii hardingi apud Briſtov in p̃ſentia dñi henrici ducis Normannoꝝ 7 Aquitanię 7 Comitis And̃, eiuſdē aſſenſu. 7 in p̃ſentia multoꝝ aliorū clericoꝝ 7 laicorū. Mauric^{9} fili^{9} Rodƀti filii hardingi cępit filiā Rogeri de Berckeł in uxorē. Ita qd̃ Rogerus dedit Mauricio cū filia ſua in matrimonio. Slimbrugiā quę ÷ de ſua hereditate hoc ÷ decē libratas terrę. 7 Mauric^{9} conceſſu pat^{i}ſ ſui Rodƀti filii hardingi dedit filię Rogeri quā ipſe cępit uxorē; in dotē . XX . libratas terrę de feudo de berckeł aſſenſu dñi Hērici ducis. Tali conuentione q^{o}d ſi Mauric^{9} fili^{9} Rodƀti moreretur anteq^{a}m cepiſſet filiā Rogeri uxorē; frater ei^{9} poſt eū p^{i}mogenit^{9} acciperet eam uxorē, p ſup^{a}dictas conuentiones. Et ſi etiā ille alter filius Rodƀti moreret^{r} ante ſponſalia filię Rogeri; quiſq^{i}ſ. de filiis Rodƀti poſt illū heres remaneret; filiā Rogeri uxorē accipet. Similiter ſi filia Rogeri anteq^{a}m deſponſaretur Mauricio filio Rodƀti moreret^{r}; ſcda p^{9} ipſā Mauricio daret^{r} uxorē uł cuilibet ſr̃m ſuoꝝ qui heres remaneret poſt Mauriciū. Ita 7 de ceť is filiab3 Rogeri ſi primogenite morerent^{r} illa que remaneret poſt ipſas daretur illi de filiis Rodƀti filii Hard̃ qui heres ei^{9} remaneret, ſic̃ ſupius ꝓlocutū eſt. Preterea filius Rogeri de Berckeł qui heres eius eſt debet accipe uxorē unā de filiab^{9} Rodƀti filii hard̃, 7 Roger^{9} de berckelai debet illi filię Rodƀti dare in dotē maneriū Siſtone ꝓpe Briſtou qd̃ maneriū eſt de hereditate Rogeri. Et Rodbertus filius hard̃ debet dare in mat^{i}moniū cū filia ſua filio Rogeri . X . libratas et . X . ſolidatas terrę apud derſelegā. eo pacto qd̃ ſi una de filiab3; Rodƀti filii hard̃ moreret^{r} anteq^{a}m fili^{9} Rogeri eam accipet uxorē; altera filia Rodƀti daret^{r} illi. Et ſi utraq; filia Rodƀti ante ſponſalia moreret^{r}; fili^{9} Rogeri qui heres ei^{9} eſſet accipet uxorē filiā hugonis de haſele neptim Rodƀti filii Hard̃. Similiter ſi p^{i}mogenit^{9} Rogeri de berkeł moreret^{r} ante ſup^{a}dicta ſponſalia ille de fratrib3 ſuis qui remaneret poſt ipſū p^{i}mogenit^{9} 7 heres accipet uxorē unā de filiab^{9} Rodƀti filii hard̃ que domi ſūt, uł ſi utraq; ante ſponſalia moreret^{r}; filiam hugonis de Haſele p ſup^{a}dictas pactiones. Has pactiones affidaverunt Rodƀt^{9} fili^{9} hard̃, 7 Roger^{9} de berckelai tenere & ſervare ſine fallacia 7 dolo, 7 poſuerūt

Theis mutuall croſſe or reciprocall mariages tooke effect, and were bleſſed with iſſue on both ſides, as none more noble in all the county nor ſcarce in the Weſt part of England; The ſaid Maurice and Alice, daughter of the ſaid Roger de Berkeley (ſuch was her name), had iſſue Robert and Thomas; Robert, called Robert de Berkeley dyed in 4. H. 3. without iſſue, leavinge the ſaid Thomas his brother and heire; which Thomas had iſſue Maurice, father of Thomas, father of Maurice, father of Thomas, father of Maurice, father of Thomas and James; which James dyed in the life time of his elder brother Thomas, leavinge iſſue James: And after the ſaid Thomas dyed in 5. H. 5. without iſſue male, And James ſonne of the ſaid James, by force of an Entayle of this manor (inter alia) by fine in 23. E. 3, became heire male thereof; which James ſonne of James dyed in 3. E. 4. leavinge iſſue William and Maurice; which William was created Earle of Nottingham and Marques Berkeley, who in 4. H. 7. (covettinge to diſinherite his brother Maurice, out of diſpleaſure that then raged betweene them), conveyed (amongſt other manors) this of Slimbridge To the vſe of himſelfe and the heires of his body, The Remainder to kinge H. 7. and to the heires males of his body, The remainder to his own right heires; and in 7. H. 7. dyed without iſſue of his body, whervpon kinge H. 7. entred, and had iſſue male kinge H. 8, who entred, and had iſſue male kinge E. 6, who entred and dyed without iſſue male of his body; At whoſe death Henry lord Berkeley, then about 19. yeares old, entred as right heire to the ſaid William Marques Berkeley, vz, ſonne of Thomas, ſonne of Thomas, brother and heire of Maurice, ſonnes of the ſaid Maurice, brother and heire of the ſaid Marques. Which Henry had iſſue Thomas who dyed in 9. Rℓ Jacobi, two yeares before his father, leavinge iſſue the ſaid George, nowe Lord of this Manor aforeſaid.

The Manor of Slimbridge comprehendeth the hamblets of Cambridge, Slimbridge ſtreet, Churchend, and the remarkeable places called Slimbridge warth, Roules Court, and Southworthy feild, of which I ſhall make after mention. And the

dñm henricv̄ ducē obſidē & juſticiā inter ſe de ſervandis his pactionib3. Hoc etiā affidauerunt. viii. ꝑbi viri ex parte Rodbti, 7 alii. viii. ex parte Rogeri quoꝝ nomina hec ſunt. Ex parte Rogeri; Wiłłm9. fili9 henrici, Roger9 deſckai, Radulf9 de huelega, Walkelin9., Engebald9 de Goſintuna, Guido de Rupe, Gwalter9 de planca, hugo de planca ſr̄ ei9; De parte Rodbti; Hugo de Haſela, Nigellus fili9 Arthuri, Rodbtus de Saltemariſ, Helyai ſr̄ Rodbti filii hard, Jordan9 ſr̄ ei.9, Jordan9 le warre, Nicholaus filius Rodbti, David duncepucke, Et iſti viri Rodbtū 7 Rogerū in his pactionib9 ſervandis totis uirib9 tenebūt. Qod ſi Rodbt9 7 Rogerus de his pactiōib9 uelleñ exire; iſti cogeñ eos pactiōes teñe qantū poſint. Et ſi ipſi adqieſcre noluerīt; iſti uiri de ſervicio 7 amore eos recedent. Et ꝑpℓ. has ſupadictas pactiones; Roger9 de Berkeł clamauit qietū totū ckalangiū ſuū, 7 qicqid juris habebat; ī firma de berkelai.

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the parish also comprehendeth more, the Manor of Hurst formerly mentioned,
327 fol: 241, with all the | hambletts therof, The Manors of Sages and Gosington. A parish that is great and rich in soile, yet few of the inhabitants wealthy, most very poore: The warth and other wast grounds of this manor and parish, if inclosed, would yeald above 1500li. per Ann̄, wherin is verified the observation of many wise men, That the more large the wast grounds of a manor are, the poorer are the inhabitants; such com̄on grounds, com̄ons, or wast grounds, vsed as com̄only they are, and as heere I knowe they are, yeild not the 5th part of their true value, drawe many poore people from other places, burden the township with beggerly Cotages, Inmates, and Alehouses, and idle people; where the greater part spend most of their daies in a lazy idlenes and petite theeveries, and fewe or none in profitable labour: And I am perswaded, that amongst other motives, this hath byn one, and yet is, and none of the least, why kinge James and the kinge that nowe is have reduced into severalty and into smaller parcells let to private mens vses, and farmers therof, foe many of their fforrests, Chases, and wild and wast grounds in most shires of the kingdome, as they have done, to the private benefit of themselves and the generall good of the Comon wealth, both in the breed of serviceable men and subiects, and of aswerable estates and abillities; wheras now, not one of theis beggars, lazy and idle people, thus livinge and bred, are any waies vsefull or serviceable in any kinde: And what you my sonne John doe nowe in this present month and yeare of August 1639. observe in the forrest of Deane, nowe in disafforrestinge and in convertinge to better private profitts, wherin as a Comissioner I vnderstand yow are imployed, in the very houre and day wherin I write this page, your after yeares and riper observations will more pregnantly appeare and informe you.

I can̄ot but remember, in comparinge times past with times and practice present, That to this Church the bishop of Worcester, in whose diocesse the same then was, did in nono regis Johis A° 1207. As his Register shewes, admit to this Church Walter Berton, to hold the same duringe the minority of Symon de Berkeley Clerke, with the custody of the said Simon then an infant in the meane time, and then the said Simon to bee Rector there, who was presented by Robert lord Berkeley aforementioned, patron therof. Of which church see the Rot. finium. 17. H. 6. membr. 2. in the tower of London.

The tutelary Saint to whose honour this Church was built and dedicated, was St John the Evangelist; As in the Bishops Register at Worcester in a° 1425. in 4. H. 6. vpon the admission of John Horton to this Church and Rectory, appeares.

Heere

Heere alſo was a Chapple and Chantry founded by Thomas lord Berkeley the third of that name, in the hamblet of Cambridge, wherto hee prefented till the diſſolution therof in 1. E. 6; wherof read more in Cambridge, in fol: 143.

However, the tradition of the herbe called Bloudwort, growinge only in the feild called Southworthy, als Succerdy, bee fayned by the inhabitants, who avowe

yet the hiſtory of that bloud there ſpilt, is true, That in the raigne of
yeares before the Norman conqueſt,

In this pariſh hath longe continued the family of the Knights, men of meane ranke, of whom 4. lineall generations of well proportioned men are remembred to have had five fingers and a thumbe on each hand; And tradition aſcends to former of their Anceſtors. |

Adioyninge to the north part of this pariſh of Slimbridge, parted by a ſmall river, is the pariſh of fframpton vpon Severne in the hundred of Whitſtane, nowe the inheritance of Humphry Hooke a marchant of Briſtoll, lately by him purchaſed of John Arundle of Lanheron Eſq; the old inheritance of Richard Clifford and of Robert the ſonne of Pagan; which Thomas lord Berkeley the ſecond of that name in 31. and 32. E. 1. purchaſed of them, And after by his deed and a fyne therof levied in 33. E. 1. regranted in fee farme to the ſaid Robert the ſonne of Pagan and to Iſable his wife (one of the two ſiſters and coheires of the ſaid Richard Clifford,) and to the heires of the body of the ſaid Robert; Reſervinge the old yearly rent of two and twenty marks, then beinge the true value of that manor; As by the deeds therof and fyne in Berkeley caſtle appeareth: A rent conſtantly paid to this day, 1639, to George lord Berkeley heire male to the ſaid lord Thomas: which John Arundle who aliened to Humphry Hooke aforeſaid, was ſonne of Sir John Arundle, ſonne of Sir John Arundle, ſonne of Sir John Arundle, ſonne of Sir Thomas Arundle, ſonne of Sir John Arundle and of Katherine his wife, daughter and coheire of Sir John Chideocke, ſonne of Sir John Chideocke, ſonne of Sir John Chideocke and of Iſable his wife, daughter and heire of Robert fitz Paine, ſonne

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ſonne of the aforeſaid Robert the ſonne of Pagan als fitz Pain and of Iſable his wife, the Conuzees[1] in the ſaid fyne levied in 33. E. 1. as is aforeſaid.

Betweene which John Arundle that I ſuppoſe yet liveth, who aliened to Humphry Hooke, and Henry lord Berkeley, who dyed in 11. Jacobi, And the lord George Berkeley his grandchilde and heire, and their ſeverall tenants of the ſaid Manors of Slimbridge and fframpton, concerninge grounds newe gayned from and leaſt by the river of Severne, called the newe warth and the newe gotten grounds, for comon of paſture claymed theron by the inhabitants of Slimbridge and fframpton, divers great and tedious ſutes from 7°. Jacobi for 10. yeares after, in the Courts of Kings bench, Comon pleas, Chancery, Court of Wards, and Starchamber, have byn multiplied; wherin the lord Berkeleis two farmors, Arnold Oldiſworth and George Thorpe Eſquires, were ſomtimes pl^ts and ſomtimes defend^ts; And you Willm Archard may remember, That after ſuch time as my ſelfe had by their aſſignement a third part from them, who at that time had not ſo much legall knowledge betweene them both, as I knowe at this time you have, though otherwiſe two prudent men; I did direct you (out of the confidence I had in the vnion of poſſeſſion in Thomas lord Berkeley of thoſe two Manors of Slimbridge and fframpton, then in him, ſimul et ſemel, therby extinguiſhinge the Comon of moſt of fframpton tenants,) to take a diſtreſſe vpon the old warth; which accordingly you impounded at Slimbridge, (I havinge not longe before found the ſaid Deeds and fine of 31. et 33. E. 1. and enabled my ſelfe with the knowledge of the pedegree of the ſeoffees,) relatinge at that time to you, that if the inhabitants of fframpton had noe right of Comon vpon the old warth, though they had longe vſed the ſame, much leſſe could they vpon thoſe grounds (which wee had then lately incloſed) called the newe warth and new grounds, which had not 40. yeares then before (remembred by many hundreds of men and women then livinge,) byn caſt togeather and left by the river of Severne, eſpecially by removinge of her channell, as often times it vſeth; it beinge then remembred (even by my ſelfe) when a great part of thoſe grounds were the body and maine part of the channell it ſelfe and the deepeſt part therof: which after longe and curious pleadings (as your ſelfe knoweth,) ſped ſoe well that you recovered and had Coſts; And after did once or twice diſtraine againe with like ſucceſſe, as the Records heerafter expreſſed doe witneſſe: Which Acts of yours and mine, (eſpecially your firſt diſtreſſe,) how diſlikinge ſoever at firſt to my two partners, yet they brought peace, more then either Chancery orders or decrees in the court of Wards; And ſoe cooled the great heate of fframpton

[1] For meaning, ſee ante. "Lives of the Berkeleys," Vol. II., p. 52 *n.*

ton Inhabitants, that they have permitted thofe our enclofures to | ftand quiet to 329
this day. a°. 1639.

To recompence which great troubles and expences that amounted to—1500li. for my part alone, In the laft 10 or 12 yeares, are 300 acres at leaft more of fand heapes caft togeather at the lower end of the faid new grounds, and leaft by another remove of the Channell in that part; which 3. yeares nowe laft paft began to beare weedes and graffe, And daily (by my Cribs and other fortifications to preferve and better it) foe bettereth it felfe, that it is more then likely to become in fewe yeares a fruitfull pafture; Noe other feare therof nowe left mee, but leaft Severne in her rage weare it away againe; To prevent which I doe yearly fortify as you knowe: An old courfe which in that part of this parifh of Slimbridge this River hath kept, witnes the Record in the Tower of London of Rot. Clauš. 18. H. 3. membr. 22, which fhewes, that it was found by Jury, That that part of land in Slimbridge called the warth, wch. was claymed by the Townfhips of Slimbridge and Aure one againft the other, did belonge to Slimbridge and not to Aure; becaufe before the water of Severne did weare away that ground, caftinge it to Aure feilds, it was part of Slimbridge arrable and pafture feilds; And nowe beinge worne away from Aure and caft to Slimbridge feilds againe, it ought to bee pafture belonginge to Slimbridge: And thervpon a writt was awarded to the Sheriffe of this County of Glouč, to give the lord Berkeley feizin therof accordingly.

The old warth.

As touchinge an Affife tried at Gloucefter Affifes in 11. H. 4. wherin Thomas lord Berkeley was plĩ againft William Tefte John Doppinge the elder and John Cooke, (three of the principall inhabitants of fframpton,) for diffeizinge him of 600. acres of land in Slimbridge, beinge his freehold: which vpon Not guilty pleaded was tryed by Jury againft them, and they found to have diffeifed him; I have not further informed my felfe therof, Then that the Record (fhewinge foe much) was, by James lord Berkeley nephewe and heire male of this manor to the faid lord Thomas in 15. H. 6, exemplified vnder Seale, which is in Berkeley Caftle; what time I fuppofe other newe futes were about the foile of this warth, or comon of pafture claymed by fframpton men vpon the fame.

Warth.

In this parifh of Slimbridge are certaine lands and tenements called Teftes, containinge about 40 acres, late the inheritance of Edward Bramwich of fframpton aforefaid, in the right of Margaret his wife; by whom hee had iffue Ifaack Bromwich that nowe is, the faid Margaret beinge nowe remaryed to William Sheppard,

Bramwich lands, als Teftes.

Sheppard, who was daughter and heire of ffrancis Codrington Esq̃; somtime the lands of John Clifford, father of Alice maried to William Teste, (one of the defts in the said assise brought by Thomas lord Berkeley in 11. H. 4. aforesaid ;) betweene which Willm and Alice was issue Laurence Teste Esq̃, who died in 22. H. 7, And by Jone his wife left issue John Teste, who dyed the same yeare of his father without issue, and Giles Teste was his brother and heire, who died also without issue in 34. H. 8. leavinge Grace, Margaret, and Mary, his three sisters and heires; Which Mary was maried to ffrancis Codrington Esq̃, who died in 4. Mar̃. To whom all theis lands were conveyed; And left issue Giles Codringtō who dyed in 23. Eliz., and was father of ffrancis Codrington who died in 24. Eliz. the yeare after his father, and leaft issue the said Margaret only; first maried to Edward Bramwich, and secondly to Willm Sheppard, as first aforesaid: And are holden of George lord Berkeley as of this his manor of Slimbridge by fute to his hundred Court of Berkeley from 3. weekes to 3. weekes, and by the yearly rent of—27s 10d but whether in Socage or by knight service I yet knowe not. |

330 The aforesaid pedegree and what is before written is taken out of the Evidences of the said Edward Bramwich, and out of theis Records followinge, with some Court Rolls in Berkeley Castle. See in Cowley. fol: 164.

Rot. pardoñ. 11. E. 4. made to Lawrance Teste, civi et pannario London, als de fframpton sup Sabrinam.

Inq: 2. H. 8. pt mortem Laurencij Teste p̃dĉi.

Inq: 34. H. 8. pt mortem Egidij Teste.

Inq: 4. & 5. Ph: & Mar̃. ps. 1. pt mortem ffrancisci Codrington.

Inq: 23. Eliz. pt mortem Egidij Codrington.

Inq: 24. Eliz: pt mortē ffrancisci Codrington.

Barnsdales land, als Smithes als Framilodes lands.

Heere also in this parish of Slimbridge are divers lands and tenements late held in Comon by vndevided moities, of Willm Smyth als Barnsdale, Doctor of phisicke, who died in 6to Jacobi, sonne of Henry: And by Benedict Tyffon, sonne of John: nowe in ao 1639. the inheritance of Anne wife of Sir James Stonehouse knight, daughter and heire of the said Willm Smyth als Barnsdall, And of John Gilman, and of Richard Powell in right of his wife, And of Richard Nicholas; wherof the one moity was the ancient land of the fframilods, of whom Simon fframilode lived in the time of kinge H. 3. After the lands of Thomas de fframilode, and of Edward de fframilode, sonne of John, and after of John fframilode sonne of Richard; And after of Thomas Lewis; And after of Richard Gilman, who died 31. H. 8.

31. H. 8, the one of whofe two daughters and heires called Alice had the wholl moity conveyed to her from her father, and was maryed to John Tyffon, father of Brian Tyffon who dyed without iffue, wherby that moity difcended to Agnes the other daughter and coheire of the faid Richard Gilman, maryed to the faid Henry Smyth als Barnfdale aforefaid: And is held of George lord Berkeley by knight fervice, heriot fervice, Sute to the hundred Court of Berkeley from 3. weekes to 3. weekes, And by the moity of the yearly rent of—13s 6d

The other moity of the faid lands and tenements were parcell of the poffeffions of a Chantry in Cirencefter called Richards Chantry, wch after the diffolution therof in 1. E. 6. came to John Vaughan, And nowe or late of Benedict Tyffon aforefaid, fonne of John Tyffon, brothers fonne and heire of Brian Tyffon of the fathers fide: And payeth the other moity of the faide cheife rent of—13s 6d but is holden of the kinge in free focage.

Of theis lands called fframilodes lands als Lewses lands, fee an Inq: in 31. H. 8. the third bundle, virtute officij, after the death of the faid Richard Gilman, very full for the pedegree.

And an excellent Court Roll in a paper booke, holden for the manor of Hurft in 1. R. 3. after the death of Eliz: late the wife of the forefaid Richard fframilode; Heriot; Serviciū militare; Wardfhip.

Rot. Pateñ. 7. E. 3. pars. 1. dorfo, in the Tower.

Edwardus de fframilode et Alicia vxor eius arraiñ affifā verfus Richardum Phelips et Katherinam vxorem eius, de teñtis in Slimbridge, Kingfton, Gofington, et Iweley, in two futes.

Carī Roll there, 42. E. 3. Edward de fframilode fonne and heire of John fframilode. |

Court Rolls of Slimbridge and Hurft, 6to Jacobi pl mortem Willimi Smyth als 331
Barnfdale.—per fervicium militare.

Upon the death of Sir James Stonehoufe in 15. Regis Caroli, to whofe vfe his wife Anne had conveyed her part of theis lands nowe worth—50li p Anñ; A releife of—12s 6d after the rate of the 8th part of a knights fee was paid by Thomas Davis the

the Reeve of the Manor of Slimbridge, vpon his Accompt for that yeare, Soe proportioned to bee holden for the quantity of the tenure for the time to come; and were then in the occupacõn of Eleanor Gilman, Robert ffrape, John Biford, and William Davis; Of which lands a fine was by Sir James levied in Hillary terme 17º Jacobi, for a confirmacõn of a leafe of part of theis lands then made to Thomas Davis, father of the faid William

Bottillers lands Batts & Knights land.

In this Manor of Slimbridge is alfo one ancient freehold confiftinge of a meffuage and halfe a yard land, which Alice the widowe of Maurice lord Berkeley the firft of that name, daughter of the faid Roger Berkeley of Durfeley in the time of kinge R. 1. (then a widowe, for her hufband Maurice died in 1. R. 1.) gave to Elias the fonne of Toki her Nurfe, and his heires, by Deed in theis words, vz,

Common in the warth.

It appeareth by a Decree in Chancery dated 12º Novembr. aº 32º H. 8. wherin Thomas Woodward and other the inhabitants of Slimbridge and fframpton were plts, againft Edward Trotman and John Bower Defts, vpon the examinacõn of very many witneffes; That noe man havinge any eftate within thofe Townfhips of Slimbridge and fframpton might put any beaft or fheepe to comon in the warth, vnles hee lived himfelfe within one of thofe townfhips.

Which Cuftome was againe confirmed by another Decree in Chancery had by confent, bearinge date 12º Julij aº 38. Eliz: wherin Thomas Heminge and Willm Hennis with other the Inhabitants of Slimbridge and fframpton were plts, againft Sir Henry Winfton and Sir John Pointz knights, with others, Defts |

332 Davies land late Ludbies. Of old, the Priors of St Ofwalds.

Heere alfo in Slimbridge is a meffuage and 10. acres of land meadowe and pafture therto belonginge, nowe the inheritance of Robert Davies, fonne of Thomas Davis of Hurft, which the faid Robert about 10º Caroli, purchafed of Simon Munden; to whom Simon Ludby in 7º Caroli by his will devifed the fame in fee; fomtime belonginge to the priory of St Ofwalds in Glouc, But of whom or by what fervice the fame are holden, I knowe not; ffor which lands fee an Inquifition found after the death of the faid Simon Ludby in 7º Caroli.

Heere

Davies land; late Ludbies late the coheires of Sydenham.

Heere alſo in Slimbridge is a meſſuage and ſix acres of land, now the inheritance of Robert Davis of Hurſt, called Woodhouſe, which Simon Ludby purchaſed of John Huntley and Margaret his wife, Edmond Monileux and Vrſula his wife, and Pointz Mill and Elizabeth his wife, daughters and coheires of John Sydenham Eſq; And of one acre in the little moore purchaſed of Andrewes: And which the ſaid Simon Ludby by his will in 7° Caroli deviſed in fee to his kinſman Richard Munden, of whom the ſaid Robert Davis of late purchaſed the ſame; And are holden of George lord Berkeley as of his manor of Hurſt by fealty and ſute of Court to that manor.

ffor which fee an Office found in 7. Regis Caroli, after the death of the ſaid Simon Ludby. And of old the land of

Davis land, late Bridges: before Woodwards

Heere alſo in Slimbridge is one other ancient freehold containinge a meſſuage and 32. acres of land, nowe in a° 1639. the inheritance of Robert Davis of Hurſt, which hee in July 1634. a° 10. Rꝗ Caroli, purchaſed of Thomas Veel Eſquire, ſonne and heire of Nicholas Veel Eſq; who in 19° Jacobi, (with other lands) by his deed inrolled with the Cuſtos Rotulorum of this County, purchaſed of Nicholas Bridges, a younger ſonne of Richard Bridges, then of Combe; To which Nicholas the ſaid Richard his father in 17° Jacobi gave the ſame in fee: And which the ſaid Richard Bridges (amongſt other lands) in 26° Eliz: purchaſed of Woolworth als Webbe: And which the ſaid Willm by fyne levied in Eaſter Terme a° 6to Eliz: and other aſſurances in 5. et 6. Eliz: ꝑd, purchaſed of Robert Hurd and Alice his wife, ſiſter and heire of Thomas Woodward, ſonne and heire of John Woodward.—

And are holden of George Lord Berkeley as of his Manor of Came, by knight ſervice, ſuite to his hundred Court of Berkeley from 3. weekꝗ to 3. weekes, And by the yearely rent of—17s 4d To which manor of Came the ſaid Cheiſe rent is paid |

333 Ludbies land. nowe Davies.

The ſaid Robert Davis holdeth alſo certaine other lands in this pariſh of Slimbridge in the tithinge of Hurſt, containinge about acres, which hee in Caroli regis purchaſed of Simon Munden, who had two parts therof by the will of Simon Ludby in [7°] Caroli, whoſe widowe the ſaid Robert Davis hath ſithence maried; ſonne of David Ludby, ſonne of Simon Ludby, ſonne of

Ludby

Ludby, whoſe anceſtors had longe held the ſame: And alſo purchaſed the other third part of John Coxe, ſonne and heire of Elizabeth., and of Mawde Ludby, ſiſters of the ſaid David Ludby and heires at the com̄on lawe to the ſaid Simon the Deviſor, which to them diſcended after his death by reaſon of the tenure, which is of George lord Berkeley as of his Manor of by knight ſervice, and ; ffor which ſee an Inqu: found after the death of the ſaid Simon Ludby in 7°. Caroli, wherin the tenure is found to bee as aforeſaid.

Frapes land; ſomtimes, ffowlers.

Also in this pariſh Edward ffrape (and others as after followeth,) holdeth a meſſuage and 10. acres of land, which hee in Caroli Rꝰ p.chaſed of Henry ffowlar of Stonehouſe, And hee in 43°. Eliz: of Thomas Curnocke and Jone his wife, and of William Richford als Rochford and Alice his wife, daughters and co-heires of James Tailer, ſecond ſonne of Wiłłm Taylor; which William alſo leaſt iſſue John father of William, that dyed in his minority without iſſue: which ſaid Wiłłm father of John and James purchaſed the ſaid meſſuage and land of John Longe of Came in 33°. H. 8. ſonne and heire of Richard Longe, ſonne and heire of Wiłłm Longe, who in purchaſed the ſame of Richard fframelode and others: And are holden of this Manor of Slimbridge by ſute of Court to the hundred of Berkeley from 3. weekes to 3. weekes, the yearly rent of—12ˢ. 10ᵈ. And—

Of which land Richard Pegler holdeth one acre in Cames feild, wᶜʰ. hee purchaſed of the ſaid Robert ffrape, who bought it of John Wilkens, And paieth—10ᵈ. of the ſaid cheiſe rent of—12ˢ. 10ᵈ.

See for this the Court Rolls of Slimbridge, 44. Eliz: and 43. Eliz. rent 12ˢ. 10ᵈ.

Rowles Court.

Heere alſo is an ancient meſſuage called Rolls Court with 100. acres of land of late therto belonginge, the inheritance of George lord Berkeley, reputed as beinge the manor houſe or Capitall meſſuage of the ſaid Lords manor of Sages, lyinge within this pariſh of Slimbridge: By many heertofore conceived to bee the meſſuage called Sages place, or Sages court, but vndoubtedly is not, for that was in Hurſt, nowe wholly decaied, As by a Deed in E. 3. time, in Berkeley caſtle appeares. This Manor of **Sages**, called alſo Sages land of Sages livelode, was the old inheritance of the family of the Sages, And was in 18. E. 3. purchaſed by Thomas then lord Berkeley of John Sage, then of the value of—17ˡⁱ. p anñ: whoſe ancient poſſeſſions ſoe faſtened the name, that it continueth to this day, 1639. |

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In payment of the ffifteenth or Tenth when the fame is granted by parliament, The onus or charge in the Exchequer is—11li. 8s. 5d. ob. q, The deduction is—3li. 10s. The Remanet paid into the Exchequer is—7li. 18s. 5d. ob. q. 334 ffifteene.

In the laft Subfedy in 5to Caroli were 25. fubfedy men, who paid—10li. 12s. 8d. Subfedy.

In a° 6to Jacobi, vpon a generall mufter, were in this parifh—116. able men ferviceable for the warres, betweene 20. and 60. yeares old, which appeared before Henry lord Berkeley Leiutenant of this County. Able men.

Of trayned Souldiers vnder William Thorpe Efq, their captaine, are 7. corflets and 12. mufketts. Souldiers.

And if the wholl Divifion of Berkeley bee in any tax to the kinge rated at—100li., Therof this hundred of Berkeley paies—33li. 3s.; And this of Slimbridge,—35s. Rates.

I will conclude what more I intend of this manor or parifh of Slimbridge, with a late Exchequer fute brought in the name of the kinge by Sr John Bankes his Matie Attorney generall, and profecuted by Sir Sackvile Crowe Barronet and others, againft the faid George Lord Berkeley my felfe and others, as followeth; The defence wherof I only vndertooke, though fomwhat to the diflike of my fellowe defendants, as yee knowe: And how I endeavoured therin, almoft beyond my health, yee both may well remember, havinge therin the affiftance of one of you in counfell at the Barre, And of the other in the Court with mee in marfhallinge of my evidences, which were more then my life had formerly feene in any other tryall; yet have I beene at tryalls (quarum pars magna fui,) which have in delivery of Evidence lafted more then 8. houres at the barre; The foundation of this fuite was thus laid and begun. Exchequer fuite New grounds. Dumball

Before the faid Sir Sackvile Crowe, Sir Bainham Throkmerton, Barronetts, and ffrancis Smyth, (who made themfelves Comiffioners, taken out alfo and follicited by themfelves,) which bare date the 21th of July, A° 13° Rei Caroli, with 6. articles of inftructions therto anexed; It was the 6th of September next after, a° 1637, before them and one John Taylor of Briftoll, (one of their fellowe farmers of the kings iron workes in the forreft of Deane,) by a Jury (moft ptially by their meanes returned,) at Newenham, prefented; That a parcell of ground within the parifh of Slimbridge called the Newe inclofed grounds, containinge by eftimacon two hundred

dred acres, adioyninge and abuttinge vpon fframptons pill on the North, And vpon the regall river of Severne on the weſt, &c. within 40. yeares then laſt, was ſlymy and muddy ground, and parcell of the great and comon regall river of Severne, and covered with the water therof; and wheron the water of the ſaid River had, time out of minde, vſed to flowe and reflowe: Et quod ꝑdĉe ducentæ acre vſq; tunc, fuit comune navigium, et comunis navium, naviculorum et cimbarum tranſitus pro õibus ſubditis regni Anglie, prout in alto mari. And that within the ſaid 40. yeares, the ſaid 200. acres, per dereliĉtionē aquæ ab eiſdem, became dry. And within 30. yeares laſt were incloſed and imbanked from the ſea. And were in the poſſeſſion of
335 my ſelfe, but by what right or title they of the Jury knew not, and | were worth by the yeare two hundred markes.

And the ſaid Jury then further preſented, that one other parcell of land lyinge in the ſaid pariſh, called the Dumballs, newe gayned grounds, containinge by eſtimacõn thirty acres (indeed 300. acres,) lyinge at the end or point of the newe warth, were within twenty yeares laſt ſlymy and muddy grounds, and parcell of the great and comon river and regall water of Severne and covered with the ſame, vntill what time the ſea time out of minde had uſed to flowe and reflowe, &c. as before; and were alſo in the tenure of my ſelfe, but by what right or title they of the Jury knewe not; and that every acre therof was worth—v^s. And the better to lay this their foundation, the Depoſitions of 12. witneſſes (by the ſaid Comiſſioners privately taken) were returned with the ſaid comiſſion and Inquiſition, into the office of the kings rembrancer in the Exchequer: Wherto in Eaſter terme followinge, A^o 14. Regis Caroli, I pleaded, That the firſt of October a^o vndecimo Jacobi, Henry lord Berkeley was ſeized in fee of the manor of Berkeley, wherof the ſaid 200. acres and the ſaid 30. acres are parcell, And that hee, the 26th of November, Anno vndecimo ꝑdĉo, died therof ſeized, And that the ſaid Manor of Berkeley diſcended to the ſaid George lord Berkeley his grandchilde and heire, who entred, and was ſeized, And the firſt of Auguſt a^o 10. R^ℓ Caroli, demiſed to mee, to hold at Will, &c. Abſq; hoc, quod. &c.; traverſinge all the materiall points aforeſaid, mentioned in the ſaid Inquiſition: which to this day ſoe reſteth.

But in Hillary terme before, next after the returne of the ſaid Inquiſiĉõn, his Mat^ℓ Atturney generall exhibited an Information of Intruſion againſt the ſaid George Lord Berkeley, Elizabeth Longe widowe, my ſelfe, and John Dryver my tenant to all the ſaid grounds, for intrudinge therinto and keepinge the poſſeſſion therof from the kinge, from the laſt of Aprill A^o 1° R^ℓ Caroli, to the time of ye exhibitinge

exhibitinge of this informac̃on. I only followed the cauſe takinge the ſole care therof; And after much ſtruglinge, at laſt (as divers orders of Court doe witneſſe and affidavits made,) obtained to plead the generall iſſue—Not guilty: And not ſpetially, as was much laboured for vs to have done; which by Mr Hall our Attorney in the ſaid Eaſter Terme wee did: wherin, and in Trinity terme followinge, many orders vpon motions on either ſide were made, cheifely concerninge a tryall to bee by Jury at the barre the ſame Trinity terme: which was ſoe ordered by the Court, with my conſent, to bee: The like Information of Intruſion was then alſo for the ſaid 30. acres called the Dumballs newe gained grounds; And the like plea of—Not guilty, pleaded: which to this day ſoe reſteth; ffor his Maties Atturny generall would only in that Trinity terme trye the ſaid Iſſue for the 200. acres, as by Order appeareth.

A Jury was in the end of Whitſonweeke in the vacation betweene thoſe two termes returned by Sir Robert Poĩntz high Sheriffe, preſſed for favour therin by ſpeciall ſres and meſſengers ſent to him on purpoſe, but hee dealt moſt iuſtly therin: Thoſe of the Jury ſoe by him and Mr Hooper his Vnderſheriffe thus returned, which that Trinity terme appeared, were; Thomas Hickes of Cromhall geñ, Thomas Walter of Horſeild geñ, Thomas Hearinge of Elberton geñ, Wiłłm Kemis of Wickwarr geñ, Thomas Morgan of Lidney Eſq, Edward Morſe of Deane magna geñ, John Winiat of Dimocke geñ, Grombald Pancefoote of Newent geñ, Adam Bainham of Yate geñ, Wiłłm Whittington of Coldaſton geñ, Edward Thurſton of Thornbury geñ, and Thomas Criſpe of Marſhfeld geñ.; which 12. were ſworne for tryall of the iſſue: foure others alſo appeared, vz, Stephen ffowler of Stonehouſe geñ, John Sandford St Leonard geñ, John Howe of Caſſies Compton Eſq, and Robert Hall of Arlington geñ, but the Jury filled before, for noe one was challenged on either ſide: The plt̃s extraordinary confidence | would not ſuffer him, 336
And my knowledge of the great abillity and vnderſtandinge of the whole pannell tooke from mee all thought therof.

ffor the kinge nyne witneſſes were ſworne, who depoſed all the materiall points in the Informac̃on and Inquiſic̃on; And were the ſame (almoſt all) that were examined at the Comiſſion of Newenham before Sir Sackvile and his fellowe Comiſſioñs, who nowe ſhewed themſelves openly to bee parties and intereſſed: And proved further, That a great part of the 200. acres was the channell of the river in that place at lowe water, which was not further denyed, neither more replyed to them then that they were very poore men, and of leſſe reputation. In the time of their

their depoſitions Theis thinges were touched by the kings Counſell, who were 7 at the barre, the ableſt of the kingdome; wherof my ſelfe and others for mee tooke notice, viz;

1. That the kinge hath Admiralls Juriſdiccõn in the place where the 200. acres doe lye.

2. That the kinge hath royall fiſhes in Severne, in iure Coronæ.

3. That the kinge hath waives and wreckes in Severne.

4. That Severne is a paſſage for the kings ſhipps.

5. That it floweth and refloweth with ſalt water more then 20 miles beyond the 200 acres in queſtion.

6. That Severne is meta foreſtæ de Dene, and therfore integrè pertinet d̃no regi.

7. That all which the ſea overfloweth by its ordinary ſpringe tides belongs to the kinge: ffor the Sea is more worthy then the land on wch it lyeth: As by the grant of a wood, the ſoile doth paſſe; And though it lye dry when the tide is out, yet it is abſurd to ſay that that ſhould alter the property from the kinge, who cañot bee barred but by matter of Record, or by preſcription, which doth preſuppoſe a grant from the kinge.

8. Thoſe things which are flotinge on the ſea, or the Armes or branches therof, as wreckes, &c. are the kings; a fortiori, that which is fixed, as the ſoile.

9. Every thinge in the ſea and in the royall Armes and branches therof, are the kings; And theis newe riſen grounds is a part of the revenue of the ſea, and participates of the nature of the Sea.

10. That all ſhoares and ſoiles within any port belonge to the kinge; And that there is noe ſhore in the kingdome but is within one port or other; Witnes an ancient Exchequer booke.

11. That land gained from the ſea, is as land gained from an enemy: And therfore if the kinge ſhould recover Callis, thoſe which had former right have loſt it; The like in royall Armes and branches, as of this in Severne.

12. That

12. That the ſea is the bounds of the kingdome, and all bounds belonge to the kinge, as the bounds of a fforreſt doe.

13. That which noe Subiect can clayme is the kings alone, for the lawe alloweth noe Comunity; And that ground not yet riſen forſaken or caſt togeather by the ſea, is not (as may bee ſaid) as yet to bee in rerum naturâ.

14. If a ſubiect ſhould have a great ſea which is after drayned, hee ſhall have the foile, And the kinge muſt not bee in worſe caſe then the ſubiect.

15. That the ſubiect hath in all ages taken grants from the kinge of ſuch lands ſoe gayned, as this in queſtion, Ergo, the Kinges: And that it can bee noe part of any manor borderinge theron, as in the Inquificõn it is found.

16. The caſe of Sutton marſh, which a fewe Termes paſt had received a Judgement in this Court, was not forgotten, with the reaſons therof, by my adverſe counſell. |

Of my counſell were Mr Platt of Cirenceſter, Mr Lenthall, Mr Tempeſt, 337
Mr Hall, and you my ſonne.

When the kings witneſſes had ſpoken all they could, and more then was true, or they knewe: Mr Platt who was well inſtructed both at ſeverall Conferences of my Counſell togeather, and at his chamber, and on whom I moſt relyed, ſtated the caſe, to this effect; vz,

1. That the manor of Berkeley was originally granted to the progenitors of the nowe defl George Lord Berkeley by the charter of kinge H. 2. in theis words, vz, Berkelei et totam Berkelei Herneſſe, manerium ſclt, cum õibus appendicijs ſuis, in aquis, in placitis, et in omnibus rebus et eventibus: vnder which and the ſeverall Confirmacõns of divers his Matſ progenitors, And by a fyne levied in 23. E. 3. by Thomas then lord Berkeley, the ſame was derived to William Lord Berkeley, created Marques Berkeley, who in 4. H. 7. levied a fyne therof, with a Render to himſelfe in tayle, the Remainder to kinge H. 7. and the heires males of his body, the Remainder to the right heires of the ſaid Marques Berkeley. That for want of iſſue of the ſaid Marqueſſe it remained to kinge H. 7., And for want of iſſue male of the body of kinge H. 7. it reverted in primo Mariæ to Henry lord Berkeley, whoſe grandchilde and heire the nowe lord Berkeley is.

2. That

2. That this manor of Berkeley is a great Manor and a Barony, extendinge it felfe as large as the hundred of Berkeley; And fomtimes included the inferior manors of Hill and Arlingham, and ftill includes the inferior and reputed manors of Hame, Hinton, and Slimbridge, which five are borderinge vpon Severne for 8. miles in length; And alfo it includeth 16. other inferior manors, lyinge vpwards in the hundred of Berkeley.

3. That the River of Severne at the 200. acres in queftion, and all alonge the coafts of the great manor of Berkeley, and the bankes, fhoares, fands, rocks, Channell, and foile of the faid river of Severne, vnto the middle of the Channell, called filum aquæ, belongeth to the faid lord Berkeley, and is parcell of his faid great manor of Berkeley, and of the faid inferior Manors of Hame, Hinton, Slimbridge, &c. And therfore the 200. acres in queftion, although fomtimes part of the fhoare or chanell of Severne, belongeth to the lord Berkeley, and is parcell of his faid Manors. And this (quoth hee) is our title.

1. The courfe of our proofe (faid hee) fhall bee thus; ffirft, That the river of Severne dividinge (by her Channell) the manor of Berkeley from the Manors on the other fide the river is fuch, That the fame is capable of private property or ownerfhip, afwell as any other Inland or private river; And foe the firft and fecond charges of the Informacõn falles.

2. That as this river of Severne is capable of private property, Soe, de facto, the faid river, the foile, fands, fhore, Channell, and rockes, vfq; ad filum aquæ, to the middle of the ftreame or Chanell, have byn in all ages (as for 500. yeares and more wee fhall proove by more then 1000. peeces of Evidence), poffeffed held and enioyed by the Lords of the great Manor of Berkeley: and the Lords of all other Manors above belowe and over againft the fame, as parcell of their faid Manors.

And for the firft generall of our proofe, namely; That the River of Severne where it divides the manors of Berkeley, Hame, Hinton, Slimbridge, &c. from the manors on the other fide, and farre belowe the fame, is in the nature of a private and inland river, and therfore capable of private property or ownerfhip, And that it is not part of the fea, &c. thus,

1. That this river at the place in queftion is about 120. miles diftant from the fea, havinge on this fide the counties of Glouc̃ Monmouth and Glamorgan, through all

all which the river paſſeth before it venteth itſelfe into the ſea, or loſeth its name of Severne. |

2. That this river at the place in queſtion is above 40. miles by the water above any of the kings Ports, the neereſt wherof is Briſtoll and Kingrode. 338

3. That this River is not paſſable for any ſhipps of burden betweene Kingrode, lyinge 40. miles belowe, and the place in queſtion; Neither is this river navigable or paſſable at the higheſt ſpringe tides at the place in queſtion, nor for many miles belowe, other then with flat bottomed barges, as at Henley vpon Thames.

4. That this river at the place in queſtion and for many miles belowe, is not ſoe broad at lowe water, as Thames is at Henley, neither doth it vent halfe ſoe much water: And is paſſable and fordable over in the ſom̃er times without danger vnder the midd thighes of a man: yea, this yeare, a wayne with oxen was driven over.

5. That by reaſon of the flatnes and levelnes of the ground, and lightnes of the ſand and ſoile, in and about the place in queſtion, the river doth often by inſenſible degrees remove its channell, and accordingly doth benefit or preiudice the lands adioyninge; And that the river vſually changeth its courſe once in 20. yeares at leaſt.

6. That the middle of the Chanell at lowe water towards which ſide or ſhoare, on this or the further ſide ſoever it bee, ever hath byn and ſtill is accompted the mete and bounder̃y of the pariſhes, manors, townſhips, and liberties: And alſo the bound of the forreſt of Dene, on this ſide, per medium aquæ Sabrinæ, or per filum aquæ, which are both of one ſenſe.

7. That the perambulations of that fforreſt extend ſoe farre into the river, ad filum aquæ, and noe further: And that the ſeverall Townſhips manors and Pariſhes doe ſoe farre on each ſide make their ſeverall perambulations: And there alſo ſeverall Lords of manors, pariſhes, parſons, and vicars, havinge Tythes, doe extend their ſeverall fiſhings on rockes and with netts, and in digginge of ſtones, takinge of ſand, pitchinge of poles for fiſhinge, and the like.

And for the ſecond generall part, It ſhall bee to proove, by invincible matter of evidence and of record, That the ſhoare river and ſoile therof, the Rockes ſands, &c.

&c. vnto the middle of the Channell at lowe water, hath from the time of kinge Edward the Confeſſor belonged, and ſtill doth belonge, and is part of the great manor of Berkeley and of its members to this day; And ſoe enioyed reputed and held; And that the middle of this river is the comon boundary of the manors pariſhes, &c. on both ſides, in the foreſaid Counties, as farre vpwards and downwards, as this river carrieth the name of Severne. And thus (ſaid hee) will I marſhall my proofes;

1. First, by 24. witneſſes of the ableſt and prime gent and yeomen, dwelling neere vnto this river, on either ſide ſome.

2. By 86. Copies of Court roll, wherby the ſands, ſhoares, rockes, weares, gurgites, ſtaches, &c. in Severne, are and have byn granted by the Lords of the Manors of Berkeley and the inferior members therof; And widowes eſtates vpon ſuch grants vſually had and enioyed, accordinge to the Cuſtome of thoſe Manors.

3. By 46. Deeds from the Norman Conqueſt downwards to this day, in every kings time ſome, wherby the ſoile ſands rockes ſtaches &c, in Severne, are granted by 20. ſucceſſive lords of this Manor of Berkeley and the members therof.

4. By 21. Rent Rolls, wherof ſome before date, ſome in the times of E. 1., E. 2., R. 2., H. 4., H. 6., and ſoe downwards, wherin 154 freeholders names, Copiholders, and Tenants by Indenture, are named, with the rents they ſeverally paid for the Rockes, weres, Putts,[1] kedellas,[2] gurgites,[2] ſtadia,[3] ſtaches,[4] Borachias,[2] charibdes,[5] pooles in Severne, fiſhings in Severne, and for parcells of the water and ſand of Severne, in this manor of Berkeley and the hambletts therof.

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[1] *Putts*, from Putta, Puteus, Foſſa—Engliſh pit or ditch, Saxon pitt or pytt, uſed in this ſenſe in a Charter of Anno 1217 (Du Cange.)

[2] Theſe words ſignify generally weirs—e.g. *Kedellas*—Kiddle, a dam or open weir in a river, with a loop or narrow cut in it accommodated for laying of Engines to catch fiſh (Blount.)

Gurgites—is uſed as a Latin word for weirs—"Tres *Gurgites* in aqua de Monew attachiantur per Homines de Groſſmonte."—Black Book of Hereford, fo. 20.

Borachias—Probably ſhould be Borachias from Boëra, ſignifying a weir.

[3] *Stadia*—Stadium—Anglo-Saxon Stæd or Stad, a ſhore or bank, landing place. This word may be uſed in the ſenſe of its equivalents, ripa—a river bank; or littus, a ſhore.—See above, ſections 2 and 3 (Du Cange.)

[4] *Stache*—from Stachia—in Anglo-Saxon Stace, and means a ſtake or pole. Here it ſignifies a dam of ſtakes, earth, ſtones, &c., to ſtop a water-courſe.

[5] *Charibdes*—Whirlpool—derived from the famous whirlpool Charybdis.—[Ed.]

5. By 3. ſurvey bookes in 36. H. 8, in 1°. Mariæ, and 22°. Eliz: wherin more then 40 of the cuſtomary or copihold tenants in the Manors of Hineton, Hame, Slimbridge, and Arlingham, members of the great manor of Berkeley, are mentioned and expreſſed, to hold, rockes, putts, fiſhinge places, and parcells of the river and | ſands of Severne, according to the Cuſtome of thoſe Manors. 339

6. By 50 Accompts made by Reeves and Bailies of the ſaid manor of Slimbridge, of the profitts of that manor, before the Auditors of the Lord therof, from the 15. E. 1. till the end of H. 6. The like of Hame and Hinton manors.

7. By 3 grants of Rents charges and Anuities for lives, in 20. and 21. H. 6. out of the warth, &c.

8. By 4. grants to the Monaſtery of St Auguſtine by Briſtoll, before date, by the lords of this Manor of Berkeley.

9. By 2. deeds of Exchanges in fee, in 14. E. 2, and in 35. E. 1.

10. By 2. deeds of partition, in 27. E. 3. and in 6. E. 4. by copceners.

11. By 15. Inquiſicõns or offices after the deathes of freeholders wherin in all ages ſince H. 3. they are found to dye ſeized of rockes, putts, fiſhings, &c. either on this ſide Severne, or on the other ſide the Chanell over againſt the place in queſtion, as belonginge to the feverall manors, &c.

12. By a fine at cõmon lawe levied by John Thorpe in 11. H. 4. of two Rockes and fiſhinge places in Severne.

13. By an Action of waſt in 18. H. 6. brought by John Thorpe againſt Ecton, for 3 fiſhinge places or rockes.

14. By one Decree in Chancery in 9. Jacobi; And by 4. decrees in the court of Wards, in 12. 13. 15. et 16. Jacobi R^ℓ^, wherby the poſſeſſion of the grounds in queſtion (amongſt others) was eſtabliſhed for Oldiſworth and Thorpe, vnder whom, three of the nowe def^ts^ doe clayme.

15. By an Army of Witneſſes examined in the times of H. 8. Queene Eliz: and kinge James, (all nowe dead,) provinge the Rockes, fiſhings, and cuſtomes vſed

vſed in Severne ; And that the midſt of the Channell is the bounds of all mens Manors and pariſhes on both ſides, all alonge the River.

16. **Lastly,** hee remembred the booke of Domeſday made in the Conquerors time ; And the perambulations of the ffforreſt of Dene in tempore Rꝰ Joħis, et E. 1.

And then called for my Witneſſes, Of whom when the Court had heard nine, the Barons talked togeather a good ſpace privately, and then called to them the Atturney generall, who after ſome Comunicac͠on, returninge to his place, drewe a Juror, never hearinge any one peece of Evidence wch there I had before them in 2. trunkes and 3. baggs, beſides plotts of the river, Rockes, and Channell ; And printed mapps both in generall and in perticuler. And ſoe this fearfull ſute came to nothinge, which had threatned all the grounds on both ſides the river for 140. myles, lyinge betweene the high and lowe water markes, which were more worth then—20000li. ꝑ anñ ; wherof, for the greateſt part, Inquiſitions were about the former time, found and returned : And doubtleſſe the expectac͠on of the ſucceſſe of this ſuite was great, which cauſed many gent̃ and Lords of Manors adioyninge willingly to furniſh mee with very many peeces of their Evidences : And to this hearinge wherof came a number of proiectors, as they ignominiouſly by as many of better condic͠on then alſo preſent, were ſtiled ; Of whom I have not ſince heard, nor hope that heerafter I ſhall.

The paper I wrote in Breviats abſtracts and other needfulls (as my ſelfe conceived) came almoſt to a reame of paper, which remaine for moſt part ſtill with mee.

This Tryall fallinge ſoe ſodainly and vnexpectedly of, prevented mee from deliveringe an Invective ſpeach, which, with ſome bitternes, I had determined to have ſpoken in Court at the end of my Evidence, before the Jury, againſt |
340 Sr. Sacvile Crowe eſpecially ; who not only was the prime proiector of this Severne buſines, but at his owne charges ſet himſelfe at worke, ſueinge out this Com̄iſſion, makinge himſelfe and his fellowes (intereſſed with him) Com̄iſſioners ; himſelfe alſo defrayinge all charges in diet and expenſes to Jurors and Witneſſes, but corruptly with a bribe of 3li. to the vnderſheriffe to returne ſome of the Jurors by him named, And 20s. the peece to 3. or 4. of them to appeare and ſerve his turne : But alſo thruſt out of the chamber at Newenham aforeſaid ſuch of my Lord Berkeleis Counſell and mine, and of Sir John Wintours of Lidney, as came thither ; reiectinge to heare ſuch evidence as was then offered to bee given by them, ffor all which I had

I had proofe ready in Court : And to have concluded with my wiſh, That his next proiect might bee to keepe that little of his owne land that remained, if any, to pay his owne debts, for which hee was in ſute : And to let mee and others reſt in quiet with that little which had coſt vs deere : And foe his voyage to Conſtantinople as ffactor for the Turky marchants, whither hee goeth, will prove more profperous.

That as touchinge Comon of paſture claymed by the Inhabitants of Slimbridge and fframpton vpon Severne, vpon any the newe grounds either nowe in comminge and beginninge to beare graffe, as the Dumballs : Or already come bearinge graffe, as the 200. acres nowe in queſtion ; All my Counfell were of opinion, (the Court foe alſo feeminge to bee,) That none of them could prefcribe to have comon for their Catell (though many former ſutes had byn for the fame by them,) becaufe the fame were caſt togeather by the Tydes within memory of man ; And that the ground and foile therof (ad centrum terræ) was the Lord Berkeleis, as beinge within the bounds of his Manor. | Note.

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Stinchcombe.

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Stinchcombe : of old and alwaies, till about the time of kinge H. 6, written **Stinteſcombe** ; for there ſtinteth the Combe or Hill, as after followeth : from whence doubtles the name is.

It is generally by moſt men reputed to bee a pariſh, but certainly it is but a chappell of eafe within the pariſh of Came, though free ; As before I have written of Nibley.

This Manor or freehold of Stinchcombe is holden of George lord Berkeley as of his Manor of Berkeley by the 20th part of a knights fee, ſute to his hundred Court of Berkeley from 3. weekes, to 3. weekes, and by the cheife rent of—14s and a pound of comin, price—4d collected by the Reeve of his Manor of Came, as a freehold therof.

It conſiſteth of the inferior or little hambletts called Churchend, Southend, Clinger als Cleihunger, Inwoods, Stancombe, Snitend, and Overend.

It was the old inheritance of the Bradſtons of Bradſton, whofe difcent fee before fol : 113. and continued togeather in one and the fame owner, vntill Thomas lord

Lord Wentworths Manor.

lord Wentworth by his feverall Deeds inrolled in the Court of Comon pleas in Michas Terme. 3. et 4. Eliz : Rñe, Rot. 13. et 14. bearinge date on or about the firſt day of September in the faid third yeare of Queene Eliz : conveyed the ſame to Trotman, Burchier, Nelme, Tindall, and others, wherof fee more in Bradſton. fol. 113. pd ; which heere againe to repeate I am not willinge : And thoſe bargainees accordinge to the Truſt in them repoſed, to divers others, in ſuch fort as in this yeare, 1639. A° 14. Rℓ Caroli, it is the inheritance of 26. ffreeholders, whoſe names doe followe ; vz, John Holliſter, Thomas Tindall, John Trotman in right of Mary his wife daughter and heire of John Hickes, John Selman ſonne of John, John Browninge ſonne and heire of Richard, John Thayer ſonne of John, Katherine Thayer widowe, John Nelme iuñ ſonne of John, Willm Rees, Willm Selman, Richard Diryat, John Belſher, John Hickes, Thomas Pope, Richard Hiett in right of Jone his wife daughter of , Willm Tindall, John Diriatt, Samuell Trotman, Richard Atwood, Richard Woodward, John Nelme thelder, Edward Jobbins, Thomas Browninge, my ſelfe, and you my ſonne, and ſome others.

And by a Covenant in one of his Indentures of bargaine and ſale, delivered all the old evidences and deeds, aſwell of this Stinchcombe as of Bradſton, (which are ſaid to be 300 peeces) to bee kept by them in their church ſteeple in a Cheſt with three keies, to the equall vſe of himſelfe and of the purchaſers, which I could never obtaine to fee. About a falſe purloininge of ſome of them, ſuppoſed by one of them ſelves, a bill in Chancery was 3. yeares paſt exhibited which beinge by the deſt denied vpon oath, proceeded noe further.

And laſtly, the ſaid Lord Wentworth ſold the Manor it ſelfe (ſuch as it then was) to Richard Pates Eſq and his heires, by his deed inrolled in Chancery dated 31° Auguſti a° 8° Rñe Eliz : wherin hee covenanted with the ſaid Lord not to impeach any his former ſales made to others, well worth the pervſall vpon any occaſion heerafter.

The ſaid Richard Pate dyed in Eliz : leavinge iſſue Margaret maried to Richard Brookes, who betweene them had iſſue Suzan, firſt maried to Ambroſe Willoughby knight, and after to Sir Robert Lovett, who by their Deed dated 24° Aprit, a° 5to Jacobi Rℓ, (beſides other aſſurances,) ſold the ſame, by the name of their Manors of Stinchcombe and Bradſton, to John Holliſter and his heires : After whoſe death an office was found, 9° Junij a° 7° Jacobi, That hee died ſeized (inter alia)

alia) of the Manor of Stinchcombe, holden of the lord Berkeley as of his Manor of Berkeley, by fealty, two ſhillings rent, ſuite of Court, and in free ſocage, for all ſervices; And that Roger Holliſter was his ſonne and heire, of full age: Of the ſonne of which Roger, called John, Samuell Trotman of Stancombe purchaſed the ſame in , nowe owner therof: who alſo from his fathers purchaſe and his, had formerly other pts of this Manor. |

344 Name.

It probably ſeemeth, (as before is touched,) That the name of Stinteſcombe, (as in very many ancient old deeds it is ever written,) is taken from the great combe or edge of the great Hill, which at this town ſtinteth and ceaſeth, not extendinge it ſelfe that way any further: And that a parcell or hamblett thereof called Stane-combe, hath its name from the ſame ſtony combe alſo.

Beacon.

Upon this great and eminent Hill or Combe ſtandeth a Beacon, erected in 48 E. 3, as by evidence which I have ſeen, appears; which for eminency and proſpect may compare with any of thoſe in Paleſtina, Italy, in the Iſle of Man, of Hainborrowe in Cornwall, ſo greatly celebrated with Geographers: For if the day bee cleere, the extent of an ordinary eye diſcerneth the moſt objected parts of Seaven Counties, with the Cities of Briſtol, Glouceſter, Worceſter, Hereford, &c.

Stinchcombe's wide proſpect at once both feedes and gluts the eye
With Berkelei's wholl extent, as it in bredth and length doth lye.

Touchinge the antiquity and name of Beacons, the Saxon word, Becnian, to beckon, gives the name, reduced from Stackes of wood, to Poſts and pitch potts, in the time of king E. 3; and were of elder time, for the more ſpeedy ſpreadinge of the knowledge of the enemies cominge, aſſiſted with nags or hobies called Hobeliers.[1]

Blumeade Sunday.

Heere in Stinchcombe is a parcel of ground called blu-meade; from whence wee hundredors in theis parts have amongſt us the name of Blu-meade Sunday, the ſecond Sunday after the feaſt of Pentecoſt: a Place where the younger ſort of both ſexes accuſtomed in the afternoon of that day to meete from the Townſhips adjoininge to dance, leape, wraſtle, and diſport themſelves till eveninge; of late yeares by ſome ſevere and rigid Catoes exclaiminge againſt ſuch recreations, quite diſcontinued.

[1] Hobblers were men who by their tenure were obliged to keep little light nags and act as ſentinels and give notice of the approach of an enemy. [Ed.]

difcontinued. My opinion whereof and of other like fociable meetings, Church-ales, Wakes, Saints Feaft-daies, &c, I purpofed in this place to have left to you, as a plain legacy of my minde thereon: As alfo I did in the defcription of Alkington, fol. 30, when I wrote of Riam-meade Sunday, which is the Sunday next before this of Blu-meade: and the rather becaufe I throughout this defcription have expreffed to what Saints each Church was dedicated and the Feaft kept; but nowe through the great length whereto this booke is growne, and of what more I will herein fave paper and paines, and refer you my fonne (amongft many others,) to Mr Carewe's Survey of Cornwall, fol. 68, 69, and forwards: And to Mr Burton's booke of Melancholy fol. 256, 257, and forwards, in his third edition, with whom I joyne in opinion, and fubfcribe to the kinge's declaration; and like well, in this my decrepit age, to walke in fomer-time, on Sundaies after Eveninge Prayers, with my wife to Hodleys Green betweene our two houfes, and there to behold my neighbours children and fervants, with yours and mine owne, to runne at Barley-breakes, dance in a ringe, and fuch like fports as they like beft; A laudable recreation, which hath no oppugners fave wayward difpofitions, and men of too fterne a judgment, as though the text of Solomon were Apochriphall, That,—There is a time for all things. |

345 **Freeholds** within the Village and Tithinge of Stinchcombe.

Inwoods now Trye's.

Thomas Lord Berkeley the fecond of that name, fonne of Maurice Lord Berkeley, by his Deed in 27 E. 1, (which fhall follow verbatim) gave, or rather but confirmed, to Robert Berkeley his Nephewe, fecond fonne of the faid lord Maurice, and to the heires of his body, All his wood of Inwood in Came, with all the hedges and ditches about the fame, To hold by the yearly rent of—40s; which is in theis words; viz,

Anno regni regis Edři vicefimo feptimo die fabbi in fefto fci Johis Apli et Evangelifte, ita convenit inter Dñum Thomam Dñum de Berkeley tradentem ex vna parte, et Robtum de Berkeley nepotem dci Dñi Thome recipientem ex altera parte, vz, q̃d dcus Dñs Thomas de Berkeley tradidit dedit conceffit, et hac ꝑfenti carta fua confirmavit ꝑdc, Robto de Berkeley pro homagio et fervicio fuo, Totum bofcum fuum de Inwode in Chamme cum oibus haicijs et foffatis circumiacentibus, et omnibus alijs pertineñ fuis, Hendum et tenendum totū bofcū ꝑdcm ꝑfato Robto et hered fuis de corpore fuo matrimonialiter procreatis, de ꝑdco Dño Thoma et hered fuis, liberè, quiete, integrè, et in pace, iure hereditario imppetuum. Ita q̃d bene licebit dco Robto et hered fuis de corpore fuo matrimonialiter procreatis, totm

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boſcm ꝑdcm claudere, et in clauſum tenere, excepta vna via per medium, et ꝑdcm boſcum toſm, vel in ꝑte pro voluntate ſua aſſartare. Reddendo inde añuatim pdco Dño Thomæ et hered ſuis, ꝑdcus Robtus et heredes ſui, quadraginta ſolidos ſterlingoꝝ ad quatuor anni terminos, vz, Ad Paſcha decem ſolidos, ad ſeſſm ſci Johis Baptiſtæ decem ſolidos, Ad ſeſſm ſci Michis decem ſolidos, et ad natale Dñi decem ſolidos, pro oibus ſervicijs ſecularibus et demandis; Salvo regali cum acciderit, et ſecta hundredi de Berkel de tribus ſeptimañ in tres ſeptimañ; Et ſi contingat dcm Robſm in ꝑdco redditu terminis ꝑtexatis in toto vel in ꝑte deficere, quod abſit, ſubmiſit ſe et heredes ſuos diſtrictioni dci Dñi Thomæ et heredum ſuorum q̃d poſſint eum diſtringere per toſm tenſm ſuum de ſeodo de Durſeley, adeo bene, ſicut de ſeodo ſuo proprio, et in omnibus licis infra hundred de Berkeley vbi bona ſua poſſunt inveniri, tam in bobus et ovibus, quam in alijs animalibus et ſingulis bonis ſuis mobilibus et imobilibus, quovſqꝫ ſup ꝑmiſſo redditu ſibi et hered ſuis plenarie fuerit ſatisfactum, per ꝑdcm Robertum et heredes ſuos. Predictus vero Dñs Thomas et heredes ſui toſm boſcm ꝑdcm cm oibus ſuis ꝑtineñ dco Robto et hered ſuis de corpore ſuo matrimonialiter procreatis, contra omnes mortales warrantizabunt imppetuum. In cuius rei teſtimonium partes ꝑdce huic ſcripto in modum Chirographi confecto ſigilla ſua alternatim appoſuerunt. Hijs teſtibus, Dñis Robto de Berkeley, Waltero de Helyn, Joe de Weliton, Robto de Veel, Petro Crok, militibus; Rico de Byſeley, Robto de Bradeſtun, Robto de Stanes, Robto Wither, Rico de Avene, Thoma de Swonhungre, et alijs.

Seaven yeares after came an agreement betweene the ſaid lord Berkeley and the ſaid Robert de Berkeley, in ffrench in Berkeley caſtle; in theis words, vz;

Le ſetime iour de Januier l'an du regne le roy Edward fits le roy Henry trent quart, Acovint enter ſire Thomas de Berkel Seigniour de Berkel d'une ꝑte, e Robert de Berkel ſon neueuz d'auter ꝑte, Iſſeint ceſt aſavoir, q̃ come le dit ſire Thomas vſt ſeoffe le dit Robert du bois de Inwode del aver encloſe et endeſens, come plus pleinment piert ꝑ la chartre de ceo ſete: Si ad le dit Robert grant pr luy et pur ſes heires au dit Sire Thomas e a ſes heires a touts iours, et a Water Gilot de Cleihungre peiſant le dit ſire Thomas et a tuz auters q̃ cel tenement tendrunt, le quel il tient, vn chemin ꝑ my la wodelane le dit Robert auxi large come e le fuſt le iour de la confection de ceſt cart, Et ꝑ my le clos memes cely Robert de Inwode un chemin jekes a gate perok de la largeſſe de diz pees en tuz leus de aler e revener od charrs, charettes, chapies e tute maneres des beſtes, ſanz deſturbance le dit Robert ou de ces heires ou de nul auter per mi eux a touts iours. Iſſeint nepꝫant

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346 q̃ ſi le dit Water Gilet ou auter q̃ cel tenem: tendra, nul tems | euenir pur treſpas por chacer beſtes hors de chemin ou per prendre du bois le Robert ou per peſſante del chemin a ſon damage meintenant per vewe de veiſins feit reſonablement amend. Pur queus chemins le dit Sire Thomas ad grant q̃ le dit Rob̄t e ſes heires receivent du dit Water Gilet e des auters q̃ cel tenement tendre deus chapons de anule rent a la paſch̄. Et q̃ bien liſt au dit Robert et a ſes heires a diſtraindre en le dit chemin ver gate ꝑrockꝰ au tant defeth cōe les deus capons ſerrunt arere, al terme eſtabli. Eſtre ceo ſi ad le dit Rob̄t grant pur luy et pur ces heirs au dit ſire Thomas et a ces heires q̃ memes celes bonds q̃ fuer̄t nadgeres ſeces du pre, meme celui Robert en ſp̄tnied q̃ git enter le pre le dit monſeir Thomas dune ꝑte et de auter e ſe eſtent de la tere le dit ſire Thomas ſus la paſture Rob̄ti de Bradſton ſe teignent e eſtoiſont fermes et eſtables en meme le leu q̃ hore ſunt pur toutȝ iours ſans diſturbance ou remuemēt du dit Robert ou de ſes heires a remenant. En teſtmoiante de queu choſe a ceſt eſcrit endent, les dits parties ent entrechangeablementes mis lur ſeals, per ices teſtmoines. Sires Johan de Button, Johan Baſſett, Willame de Walton, chivalers: Robert de Bradſton, Thomas de Beoleie, Thomas de Stinteſcombe, Johan de Olepeñe, Henrico de Came, Warin le fitȝ William, Robert Wither, Water Hathemar̄, et autres. Done a Berkel̄ iour et an de ſus ditȝ.

In 4. E. 3. vpon a controverſy betweene Thomas lord Berkeley the third of that name, grandchilde of the foreſaid Thomas, And the ſaid Robert Berkeley, it was awarded by John Lovell and 4. others, arbitrators betweene them, That the ſaid Robert ſhould pay and doe eſcuage to the ſaid lord when it happeneth for this land of Inwood, and for his other land at Dangervilſwike in the manor of Alkington, accordinge to the quantity of the ſaid lands, And ſhould alſo repaire Beoly bridge at Beoly brooke.—which were all the differences controverted betweene them.

ffrom which Robert Berkeley theis grounds of Inwoods, (which before were parcell of the demeſnes of the Manor of Came, as by divers Accompts of that manor appeares,) came to Thomas Berkeley ſecond ſonne of the ſaid Robert, which Thomas dyed in 6 E. 3. leavinge iſſue John and Margaret, which John died in 20. E. 3. without iſſue, then in ward for this land and for Beoly, to Thomas then lord Berkeley: And the ſaid Margaret his ſiſter and heire was firſt maried to Walter Shoile, by whom ſhee had noe iſſue; And after remaried to Raph als Rawlin Trye, by whom ſhee had iſſue William Trye and John Trye: which William dyed in the life of his father without iſſue, And the ſaid John had iſſue William and John; which William dyed alſo in the life of his father without iſſue, And the ſaid John

John Try his brother had iſſue William Trye, who maried Iſable daughter of James lord Berkeley, and ſiſter to William created Marques Berkeley: Vpon which maryage betweene the ſaid Wiłłm Trye and Iſable Berkeley, a Deed yet remaininge in Berkeley caſtle, was in theis words ; viz,

Omnibus xp̃i fidelibus ad quos p̃ſens ſcriptum pvenerit, Wiłłus Berkeley miles Dñs de Berkeley ſalt̃m in Dño ſempiternam. Noveritis me preſat̃m Wiłłm dediſſe, conceſſiſſe, et hoc p̃nti ſcripto meo confirmaſſe Willimo Trye armigero et Iſabelle vxori ſuæ ſorori meæ, vnum añualem redditum quadraginta ſolidoꝫ de quoddam feod̃ reddit̃, quem idem Wiłłus Try mihi ſolebat reddere pro certis terris et boſco in Stinchcombe in comitat̃ Glouc̃, Habend̃ tenend̃ et pcipiend̃ dc̃m añualem redditum quadraginta ſolidoꝫ p̃ſat̃ Wiłło Try et Iſabelle vxori ſue in ptem ſoluc̃onis maioris ſom̃e, vz, Treſcentē marcas leg̃lis monete Anglie. | Et volo quod heredes et 347
executores mei perimplent dc̃m añualem redditum quadraginta ſolid̃ eiſdem Wiłło et Iſabelle hered̃ et aſſignatis ſuis quovſq; p̃dc̃a ſom̃a maior plenaire ſit p̃ſolut̃ ſecundum voluntatem Jacobi Berkeley militis Dñi de Berkeley patris mei, vz, pro maritagio p̃dc̃e Iſabelle: In cuius rei teſtimonium, huic p̃ſenti ſcripto meo ſigillum meum appoſui ; Dat̃ apud Glouc̃ in domo Joħis Pole octodecimo de Auguſti, Anno regni Regis Edwardi quarti poſt conqueſtum, ſexto decimo.

Which Wiłłm Trye and Iſable had iſſue betweene them John and Wiłłm, which John dyed without iſſue, and the ſaid William dyed in 14. H. 8, and had iſſue Edward Trye who dyed in 18. H. 8. and was father of John who dyed 33. H. 8., father of John who dyed in 33. Eliz., father of William who dyed in 8. Jacobi, father of William Try who in the 7th yeare of kinge Charles ſold this land to his vncle John Try, who nowe a° 1639. holdeth the ſame and paieth the ſaid—40s cheiſe rent, and the other ſervices.

Heerof ſee alſo before in Beoley fol : 75. where this pedegree is ſomwhat more particularly, with the time of each mans death, laid downe. And in Stone alſo, fol : 362.

Of this land called Inwoods Wiłłm Tyndall purchaſed of the ſaid William Trye

And alſo Richard Atwood p̃chaſed 8. acres, nowe the land of Richard Atwood, ſonne

ſonne of Thomas, ſonne of the ſaid Richard, 1639. but pay noe part of the cheeſe rent.

More of this Inwoods is to bee read in theis Records, viz,

Inq : 15. E. 2. pro terris Mauricij de Berkeley.
Inq : 37. E. 3. de feodis Baroniæ de Berkeley in Scčio čm Reñ Theſauř.
Inq : 13. H. 7. pt mortem Willi Try.
Inq : 16. H. 8. pt mortem Willi Try.
Inq : 18. H. 8. pt mortem Edwardi Trye.
Inq : 33. Eliz : pt mortem Johis Trye in coñ Lincolñ.
Inq : 8. Jacobi, pt mortem Willi Try.
Court Rolls of Came, 8. Jač.—per ſervicium militare.
Court Roll of Came, 38. Eliz. Johes Try Ař obijt 33.
Eliz : redd. 40s ſolvit 40s pro relio.

Piers Court late Hickes. nowe Trotmans.

Heere in Stinchcombe is an ancient meſſuage called Peirs Court, ſomtimes written the Manor of Peirs Court, with acres of land of old therto belonginge, nowe the Inheritance of John Trotman, ſonne of Richard, in right of Elizabeth his wife daughter and heire of John Hickes, who died in 20. Rę Jacobi, ſonne of John Hickes who in 3° et 4to Eliz. Rñe purchaſed the ſame of Thomas lord Wentworth ; As by the Deed inrolled (and other affurances) in Michas terme 3° et 4to Eliz : appeares : and after died in Eliz : Which Thomas lord Wentworth was ſonne of Thomas lord Wentworth and of Margaret his wife daughter and
348 heire of Anne, wife to Sir | Adrian ffortefcue knight, daughter and heire of Anne wife of Sir William Stoner knight, eldeſt daughter and coheire of John Nevill Marques Mountague and of Iſable his wife, daughter and heire of Edmond Ingaldeſthorpe, knight, ſonne and heire of Margaret wife of Thomas Ingaldeſthorpe, daughter and heire of Elizabeth wife of Walter de la pole, daughter and heire of Thomas de Bradſton knight, who died in 48. E. 3. and was ſonne of Robert de Bradſton who died in the life time of Thomas de Bradſton Banneret his father, who died in 34. E. 3. And for whoſe creation, and the guift of 500 mks p añ to him and his heires out of the kings receipt, See Rot. Clauš : in arce London. 15. E. 4. membr : 12. where alſo ſix diſcents of this pedegree are laid downe : And the patent it ſelfe in 13. E. 3. there alſo, which is paid to this day, 1639. And this Thomas de Bradſton Banneret, was ſonne of Robert de Bradſton, Of whoſe diſcents I have formerly written in the deſcription of Bradſton, fol : 113. And this capitall meſſuage or farme called Peirs Court is holden of George lord Berkeley as of his Manor

Manor of Came, by ſute to his hundred Court of Berkeley from 3. weekes to 3. weekes, and by the yearly rent of 4ˢ and a pound of Comin, price 4ᵈ. In the time of kinge H. 2. it was the land of Harding de Stinteſcombe, Roger and Ralph de Stinteſcombe; And in the times of kinge John and of kinge H. 3. and of kinge E. 1. of Piers of Stinteſcombe, Peter de Stinteſcombe, and of Thomas de Stinteſcombe, All ffreeholders of note and eminency, owners of this land and witneſſes to more then 300. deeds which I have ſeene; And their longe and ancient ſeiſin therof and dwellinge vpon the ſame gave the name of Piers Court, eſpecially 3. or 4. of the name of Peter or Pierſe ſucceedinge one another: And from them it came into the family of the Bradſtons in the time of kinge E. 3., but whether by purchaſe or by maryage of the heire I have not found; Neither doe I thinke any thinge remaineth to informe mee, ſave the deeds and evidences formerly mentioned to bee kept in Stinchcombe church: The laſt male of that male (as I remember) that I obſerved was Thomas de Stinteſcombe, who in the extracts of the ſubſedy or ayd granted to the kinge is in 1. E. 3. mentioned therin to bee a ſubtaxor of that Subſedy: And Stinteſcombe and Bradſton to bee hambletts of the manor of Came To which effect alſo is the Quo warranto in 15. E. 1. brought by the kinge againſt Thomas lord Berkeley mentioned in fol: 6.

Somwhat more wherof is to bee read in theis Records; viz,

Rec̃ c̃m Rem̃ Theſauř in Term̃ Trin̄, 22. H. 6. Rot., 17., very good for the pedegree.

Inqu: 20 Jacobi, pᵗ mortem Joh̄is Hickes.

Heere alſo is another ancient meſſuage called Melkeſhams Court or the Manor of Melkeſham, the inheritance of Thomas Tindall nowe in ward to the kinge aᵒ 1639. for other lands which his father Thomas Tyndall dyed ſeized of, holden by knight ſervice in Capite, who died in Rꝗ Caroli, ſonne of Richard Tyndall who dyed in 18ᵒ Jacobi, and was ſonne of Richard who dyed in 19ᵒ Eliz: havinge purchaſed the ſame by Deed inrolled in in 3ᵒ Eliz: of Thomas lord Wentworth, ſonne and heire of Thomas lord Wentworth and of Margaret his wife, daughter and heire of Anne maryed to Sir | Adrian ffortefcue, daughter and heire 349
of Anne maried to Sir William Stoner, eldeſt daughter and coheire of John Nevill Marques Mountacute, and of Iſable his wife daughter and heire of Edmond Ingaldeſthorpe, ſonne and heire of Margaret, maried to Thomas Ingaldeſthorpe, daughter and heire of Elizabeth maried to Walter de la pole, daughter and heire of Thomas de Bradſton: which ſaid Walter de la pole and Elizabeth his wife (then Lords

Melkeſhams Court nowe Tyndalls.

Lords of the Manor of Stinteſcombe) purchaſed the ſame of Robert Oulpenne, and to whom the ſaid Robert by his Deed inrolled in Chancery, dated 25°. Januar̃ A°. 1. H. 5. releaſed all his right and eſtate in manerio de Stinteſcombe als dict Milkeſhams Court, As by the Dorſe of Rot. Clauſ̃ 1. H. 5. membr. 6. appeares. And in the times of E. 1., E. 2., and E. 3., and ſomwhat after, was the inheritance of the Melkeſhams, whoſe ſeiſin gave the name of **Melkeshams Court**, which continueth to this day, a°. 1639. And is holden of George lord Berkeley as of his manor of Came by a paire of gloves of a penny price, And ſute to his hundred Court of Berkeley from 3. weekes to 3. weekes.

Of this ffarme or little Manor of Melkiſham, als the Manor of Stinteſcombe, ſee a fine levied in Eaſter Terme 26. H. 6. wherby Edmond Ingaldeſthorpe aforeſaid ſeemes to purchaſe this manor of Melkeſham.

Alſo there are Recoveries therof in Mich̃as Terme 24. H. 6. Rot. 411, And Term̃ Paſch̃ : 25. H. 6. Rot. 586, and Hillar̃ : 27 H. 6. Rot. 303, in cõi banco, of the Manor of Melkeſham in Stinteſcombe. This Meſſuage, in ſome later evidence I have ſeene written The over Court in Stinchcombe. Rot. Rediſſeiſiñ. ab anno, 27. to 35. E. 1. membr. 5. And in a°. 31. E. 1. p̃d̃ in the Tower of London, ſhewes That Richard de melkeſham recovered a meſſuage and a Carucate of land in Stinteſcombe, (which is this,) of Richard Aſtmead, who againe diſſeiſed him, And therfore a writt nowe went out to the Sheriffe of this County to arreſt and impriſon the ſaid Richard Aſtmead.

Rot. pateñ. 28. E. 1. in dorſo, Jone Deveroux. Richard Eſtmead and John Wither, brought an Attaint againſt Richard Melkeſham and Cicely his wife for theis lands of Melkſhams Court.

What more might bee written heerof muſt bee had from the private Evidences of the ſaid Thomas Tyndall, and out of the Cheſt in the Church there kept as aforeſaid ; neither of which I have ſeene.

See the Court Roll of Came in 18°. Jacobi.

Lamports Court. nowe

Heere alſo is an ancient meſſuage with divers lands therto belongin̄g called **Lamports Court**, which was the old inheritance of the Lamports : who nowe holdeth it I knowe not, neither can therof write more then appeares in the Record of Eaſter Terme in the Com̄on pleas, 8. H. 4. Rot. 509., which ſaith That Adam Lamport

Lamport dyed without heire of the wholl bloud in the time of kinge E. 3. feized of this meſſuage in Stinteſcombe, ſuppoſed to have then byn holden of Thomas lord Berkeley by 40ˢ yearly rent, heriot, ſute of Court to his Manor of Came from 3. weekes to 3. weekes, and by eſcuage : wherin Ela de Bradſton widowe, pleadeth, That ſhee held the ſame of the endowment of Thomas de Bradſton ſomtimes her huſband, the Revertion after her death belonginge | to Elizabeth the wife of Walter 350
de-la-pole daughter and heire of the ſaid Thomas de Bradſton, and wherin iſſue was ioyned, whether the ſaid Adam Lamport dyed tenant to Thomas lord Berkeley grandfather of the ſaid Thomas or not : which appeares not in this Record to have beene tryed. And ſeemes to proceed from the ill pleadinge of that Lords pedegree and diſcent : ffor the ſaid Lord Thomas, now demandant, is therin ſaid to bee ſonne of Thomas, ſonne of the ſaid lord Thomas, to whom it ſhould eſcheate ; wheras the demandants father was Maurice who died in 42. E. 3. ſeven yeares after the ſaid Thomas his father. Henſter Prothonotary. See alſo in banco regis eiſdem aº et Term̃ et Rotulo.

By Rot. Clauſ. 1. H. 5. in dorſo membr : 2. William Vrry cozen and one of the heires of Peter de Evercy releaſed to Walter de la pole knight, and to Elizabeth his wife and the heires of the ſaid Elizabeth, All his right title &c. in all rents, lands, tenements, &c. in Stinteſcombe, Stancombe et Meteſdon, called Lamports court, which ſomtimes were Thomas de Evercy knight within the hundred of Berkeley in the county of Glouc̃, dated die Sabbathi poſt feſtum Sc̃æ Luciæ virginis, aº 1. H. 5.

To this releaſe laſtly mentioned and Lamports Court I will adioyne divers lands and tenements lyinge in Stinchcombe, Stancombe, and other places therabouts, which in the time of R. 1. and kinge John were the lands of Robert de Alba Mara, and in the firſt 20. yeares of kinge H. 3. of John de Alba mara, And after of William de Alba mara, who, as the office found after his death in 40. H. 3. ſheweth, died feiſed of 110. acres of land, 8. acres of meadowe, 3. acres of paſture, one garden, a Watermill, certaine wood, and 5ˡⁱ rent of Aſſiſe paid by tenants in Stinchcombe, holden de dominio Baroniæ de Berkeley per ſervicium—10ˢ et 6ᵈ, p ann̄. And held alſo the Manor of Ruardine in the fforreſt of Deane, &c. And that Thomas de Evercy, ſonne of Annora de alba mara, Iſabella de Alba mara, Richardus de Stallinge the ſonne of Katherine de Alba mara, and Matilda de Alba mara, who are of full age, And Willm the ſonne of Willm de Hathewy who is within age, and but 12. yeares old, are his heires.

Alba mara his lands. nowe Selmans and others.

A part

A part of this land lyinge in Stancombe is the inheritance of John Selman, ſonne of John, ſonne of John, as his evidences doe ſhewe, who alſo hath a pedegree ſhewinge his diſcent from the ſaid Wiłłm de Alba mara: Which Robert Stallinge in 1. E. 1. aliened to Robert Cantelupe and Margery his wife in franke maryage; which Margery ſurvivinge her huſband, did in 4. E. 3. with her ſecond huſband Wiłłm Wor, give the ſame to Walter Selyman with Lucy her daughter in ſpeciall taile; ſince which time it hath continued in that name of Seliman to this day, a°. 1639.

Rot. pipæ. 17. H. 3. in com̃ Glouc̃ ſaith, Wiłłus de Alba mara; filius et heres Roberti de Alba mara, reddit comp̃um de decem marcis de fine pro habenda ſeiſina de terra de Rowartin (Ruarden) quam pater eius tenuit de rege per ſerientiam.

By a deed without date in the time of kinge H. 3. in Berkeley caſtle, John de Alba marł granted to Wiłłm de Meteſdon and to Iſable his wife, and their heires, divers lands in Stinteſcombe (ꝑticulerly mentioned in the deed) To hold by a peny rent for all ſervices; Salvo regali ſervicio, &c.

And by another Deed in the ſaid Caſtle without date, the ſaid John granted to the ſaid Wiłłm de Mateſdon and Iſable his wife and their heires, Totum pratum apud Stinteſcombe quod iacet iuxta culturam quæ vocatur Broadruydinge, Redd̃: ꝑ anñ—oƀ. pro õibus ſervicijs, Salvo regali ſervicio, &c. |

351 Snitend. In the vtmoſt ſkirt or border of this village of Stinteſcombe toward Nibley (where reverà the Combe ſtinteth by the finall declyninge of the hill, which Stinchcombe is but an hamblet of the manor of Came, and within that pariſh,) is a ſmall knott of 4. houſes called Snitend, wherof two of them are in Nibley And the other two in Stinteſcombe in the pariſh of Came: The one of which was lately held of that manor by Richard Nelme by Copy of Court roll; And the other was by John Serieant the younger in 30. E. 3. by the name of a meſſuage and 14. acres of land, and one acre of meadowe, and ij^{s}. rent in Came, (the very content at this day,) given to a Chaplein at Stone, to pray in the Chaple there for the ſoules of himſelfe and of the lord Berkeley and others named in his deed. And was before the land of Wiłłm Snite, ffrom whoſe ſeiſin and his anceſtors that name aroſe in the time of H. 3. and E. 1. By the diſſoluc̃on of which Chantry in 1°. E. 6. it came to the Crowne, And was by that kings Lr̃es patents in the ſecond yeare of his raigne, granted (inter alia) to Sir John Thynne and Lawrence Hide, and their heires, who the

the ſame yeare ſold the ſaid meſſuage and land to Anthony Throgmorton and his heires; who alſo the ſame yeare ſold the ſame to Simon Eeles and his heires, from whom it diſcended to Thomas Eeles his ſonne and heire, And from him to John Eeles his ſonne and heire, who died in 37. Eliz. as an Inquiſicõn found after his death in 12. Jacobi Rẽ, ſheweth: which alſo ſheweth, That hee by his will in 37. Eliz. pd, deviſed the ſame to Judith his wife for her life, (after remaried to George Hickes,) And after her death to his three daughters and coheires, Judith, Jone and Elizabeth, and their heires: Of whom the ſaid Elizabeth dyed very yonge, vnder two yeares old. Judith their mother, wife of George Hickes, dyed in July a° 10° Jacobi Rẽ; And the ſaid Judith and Jone ſiſters of the ſaid Elizabeth, were maried to Nicholas Hickes and Robert Hickẽ, ſonnes of the ſaid George by a former wife: who aliened to my ſelfe and others: Soe two ſiſters maried two brothers, and their mother to the father of thoſe ſonnes; Which meſſuage and land is holden of the kinge as of his Manor of Bulford in the County of Wilteš, in free and comõn ſocage, by fealty only for all ſervices. Wherof alſo read more, fol: [288.]

Nelmes land.

Heere alſo is an ancient meſſuage with certaine lands therto belonginge, containinge about 40. acres, in Stinchcombe, the inheritance of John Nelme nowe dwellinge vpon the ſame; ſonne of Simon Nelme, who died in 6to Jacobi, brother and heire of Edward, who died in, Eliz: ſonnes of Nicholas Nelme, who in 4. Eliz. purchaſed the ſame of John Trotman, Willm Burcher, and Willm Nelme and they of Thomas lord Wentworth, with the reſt of the Manor as aforeſaid: And as an office found in a° 6to Jacobi pd after the death of the ſaid Simon, ſheweth, are holden of the manor of Berkeley by knight ſervice, and ſute to his hundred court of Berkeley from three weekes to three weekes; ffor more whereof See the velam booke of Wardſhips and Releeſes fol: 14: Which John Nelme hath alſo other lands in this Townſhip, holden of Eſtgreenwich in free ſocage, ſomtime pcell of the Abby of Kingſwood, as in the ſaid office is expreſſed. |

352 Stancombe late Hungerfords. nowe Trotmans.

Heere alſo is a Meſſuage and divers lands therto belonginge, containinge about acres, nowe in the occupacõn of William Trotman th'elder, lyinge in Stancombe, and wherin the ſaid William nowe dwelleth; which William Trotman the younger ſonne and heire apparant of the foreſaid William Trotman the elder, called of Blacke burton, purchaſed of Anthony Hungerford, lord of Pitcourt in Nibley: which though the ſame had for many ages and diſcents in the anceſtors of the ſaid Anthony Hungerford byn occupied and gone togeather with Pitcourt, yet I hold not the tenure heerof to bee as that of Pitcourt, (wherof ſee before in fol: 267. 268,)

But

But to bee holden in ſocage of the Manor of Stinchcombe, by

ffifteenes. In payment of the ffifteens or kingſilver, this hamblet or Townſhip of Stinchcombe goeth with

Subſedy. In the laſt ſubſedy in a° 5to Caroli, were in this village of Stinchcombe 13. ſubſedy men, who paid 5^li.^ 12^s^

Able men. In a° 6to Regis Jacobi, vpon a generall Muſter, were 61. able men heere fit for the warres, betweene 20. and 60. yeares old, who appeared before Henry lord Souldiers. Berkeley then Leiutenant of this County: And nowe hath of Trayned Souldiers vnder Wiłłm Thorpe Eſq^r^ their Captaine—8. wherof—5. corſletts, and 3. muſketts.

Rates. And if the whole Diviſion of Berkeley bee in any tax rated at—100^li^, Then this hundred of Berkeley therof paies—33^li^ 3^s^, And this village of Stinchcombe—15^s^; And ſoe after that rate bee the Tax more or leſſe.

The foreſaid Capitall meſſuage called Melkeſhams Court had ever of old its owner one of the 5. ſubtaxors of the ffifteenes in this hundred, And it ſelfe paid therto—

More of this Hamblet and Village of Stinchcombe is to bee read in theis Records, formerly mentioned, vz,

Rot. Clauſ̃ in arce Lond̃: 16. E. 3. in dorſo.
Inqu: 40. H. 3. p^t^ mortē Wiłłi de Alba mara.
Int̃ 37. E. 3. de feodis Baroniæ de Berkeley in Scc̃io.—per ſervic̃ militare.
Inqu: 34. E. 3. p^t^ mortē Thome de Bradſton,—p ſervic̃ miłł:
Inqu: 43. E. 3. p^t^ mortē Agnetis vxoris Thome de Bradſton.—p ſervic̃ miłł.
Rot. Clauſ̃. 13. R. 2. ps. 1. membr. 26. Com̃ Somſet.
Inqu: 11. H. 4. p^t^ mortē Elæ vxor̃ Thome de Bradſton iun̄.—p ſervic̃ miłł.
Rot. Clauſ̃. 12. H. 4. membr. 33. in arce Lond̃.
Inqu: 2. H. 4. p^t^ mortē Ric̃i de ſc̃o Mauro.
Trin̄ Rec̃. 22. H. 6. Rot. 17. in Scc̃io c̃m Remem̃ Theſauř.
Inqu: 35. H. 6. p^t^ mortē Edm: Ingaldeſthorpe miłłis.—p ſervic̃ miłł.
Inqu: 12. H. 6. p^t^ mortē Walteri de la pole miłł.

Rot.

Rot. clauſ. 17. E. 4. membr 7. in arce Lond.
Inqu : 16. E. 4. p. mortē Iſabellæ vxoris Johis Nevill.
Rot. clauſ. 15. E. 4. membr: 11 in arce Lond.
Inq : 2. H. 7. p. mortē Iſabellæ Nevill. Melius inquirend. Glouc et Heref.
Original : 2. H. 7. Rot. 8. in Sccio.
Originall : 23. H. 7. Rot. 39. in Sccio.
Inqu : 10. H. 7. p. mortē Willi Stoner, Glouc. | 353
Carta irrotulat in coi banco. Term Hillar. 33. H. 8.
Inter Browne et ffranſham, de terris in Stancombe.
Inqu : 5. E. 6. p. mortem Thome Dni Wentworth, in com Suff.
Inqu : 30. Eliz : p. mortem Rici Tyndall—per ſerviciū mil.—exemplified.
Inqu : 33. Eliz : p. mortē dci Rici, mel Inquirend :—in Socagio.
Carta irrotulat in coi banco, Term Michis, 3. et 4. Eliz : Rot. 14.
Inqu : 7. Jac : p. mortē Johis Hollifter.
Paſ[c]li : fines, 35. H. 8. Rot. cm Rem Theſaur in Sccio.
Paper booke in ſol. temp. H. 8. per ſerviciū mil.
Booke of wardſhips and Releeſes. ſol : 2. 14.
Inq : 6. Jac, p. mortē Simonis Nelme.—per ſerviciū.—a wardſhip. |

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Stone. 355

Stone : Anciently written Stan, Stane, and Stanes : And in the old Saxon **Stana**; now modernly written **Stone** : That is a ſtonne, or as Northern men ſpeake, a Steane ; Soe called, as is by ſome conceived, out of Meerſtones very anciently ſet vp to divide the three great hundreds or Liberties of **Berkeley**, **Thornbury**, and **Gromboldesash** : Or rather, as others will, from it ſelfe, The moſt ſtony place in that lowe vale wherin it ſtands : and from whence the lower country beneath it in the ſame hundred are for the moſt part furniſhed with ſmall ſtone for the amendment of their deepe and dirty waies.

It is an hamblet or ſmall village diſtinguiſhed by the inhabitants themſelves into Vpper Stone and Lower Stone, and parcell of the Lord Berkeleis great Manor of Hame, within the pariſh of Berkeley, and holden by him, as that Manor is, of the Crowne, by knight ſervice in Capite ; To which Manor the waſtes as Stones heath and others doe belonge.

In

Chaple. In this Village ſtands a Chaple, of much eaſe to the inhabitants, belongingẽ to the mother Church of Berkeley, vnder the Cure and goverment of the Vicar therof; neere to which Chaple ſtandeth one of the eight tyth barnes belonginge to the pariſh of Berkeley: wherat the inhabitants chriſten their livinge and bury their dead, in ſemblance of a pariſh independant, but is not; in the laſt Age thatched with Broome, now decently covered with lead.

Tyth barnes

Old ffreeholders. In the time of kinge Stephen, Gwidoe de Stone lived, a remarkable ffreeholder, heere, who in that kings daies was one of the 8. pledges or vndertakers for Roger Berkeley of Durſley, that hee ſhould keepe the peace then concluded at Briſtoll betweene the ſaid Roger and Robert the ſonne of Hardinge, concerninge the Barony and manor of Berkeley; wherof read more before in Durſley, fol: 175. And in Slimbridge, fol: 325. where the ſaid Agreement is verbatim. After Gwido, in the time of kinge H. 2. next ſucceſſor to kinge Stephen, lived Bernard de Stana, written alſo in divers deeds Bernardus de Stanes: After him, in the time of kinge H. 3. Maurice de Stane; After him, in the time of kinge H. 3. and E. 1. lived Robert de Stan; who in thoſe times were Witneſſes to many hundreds of deeds, which I have read: And had divers lands in this Townſhip, aſwell by ancient diſcent as by ſpeciall purchaſes from Henry de Waniſwell and others; whereof ſee after in Wanefwell, fol: 367. and as after followeth, fol. 356.

Stone water courſe. The Manor of Alkington is on the ſouthweſt part divided from this of Stone by a river runninge betweene them, which in the great Rode way called Briſtoll way, and ſomwhat above, beinge turned out of his ancient channell and courſe, begot, ſomwhat more then an hundred yeares agone, the ſettinge vp of newe of a mill there; ffirſt a Blademill, After a corne griſt mill, After a paper mill, nowe at this day both, a° 1639, (ſuch have beene the alterations for profit); ffor which turninge of the watercourſe to the mill The lord Berkeley firſt had a rent of–13ˢ 4ᵈ p anñ: And after Henry lord Berkeley, by a leaſe which hee made dated 22° Junij. 4. et 5. Phi: & Mar. to Thomas ffranſham, at which time his Receiver for 60. yeares had an yearly rent of 40ˢ, which vpon newe demiſes ſince made, is the rent to this day: The occupiers of which mills beinge alſo to repaire that place and part of the Rode bridge, through and vnder which their newe watercourſe from the ſaid Mills falleth, and returneth into its owne chanell againe.

Bridges. The Record in the Trefory, Plita coram rege apud Glouc, Termi Michis, 2. R. 2. Rot. 17. hath thus; Thomas de Berkeley et Peter de Veel de Tortworth chivat

chivat non poſſunt dedicere quin ipſi tenentur reparare pontem vocat̃ Sindleforth inter Tortworth et Stone ratione terrarum et tenẽtorum ſuorum in dc̃is Manerijs. |

The Records of Rot. Pateñ : 30. E. 3. pars. mem : 22., And Rot. finiũ, 30. E. 3. mem. 3, And a writt and Inquiſic̃on of Ad quod damnum in 30. E. 3. aforeſaid, doe ſhewe, That John Sergeant of Stone the yonger founded a Chantry in Stone called our Ladies Chantry, and endowed it with 9. meſſuages, 86. acres of land, and 2ˢ rent in Hame, Hull, Alkington, and Came, for a preiſt there to pray in the Chaple of Stone for the good eſtate of himſelfe, and of John Sergeant his father, and of Thomas lord Berkeley, and of Maurice Berkeley his ſonne, And of William ſonne of Wiłłm Swonhungre, and Alienor his mother, And of Jone late wife of him the ſaid John Sergeant, and of Margaret late mother of him the ſaid Maurice. And for the kings licence thus to amortize, hee paid—108ˢ 2ᵈ, as the ſaid fine Roll ſheweth. 356 Chantries in Stone.

And ſix yeares after, the ſaid John Sergeant, vpon an other like writt of Ad quod damnum in 36. E. 3, And by the patent Roll of that yeare, membr. 24 : gave 2. meſſuages, 20. acres of land, and 1ᵈ rent, in Hame, Berkeley, Hull, and Alkington, to celebrate in like manner in the Chaple of All Saints in Stone.

And the like hee the ſaid John Sergeant did in 47. E. 3, then givinge more to the Chantry preiſt there, 5. meſſuages, 16. acres of land, and 2. acres of meadowe, in Hame and Alkington, As by a like Inquiſic̃on vpon a like writt of Ad quod damnum in 47. E. 3. And by Rot. finium. 48. E. 3. mem : 3. appeareth : Which Chantries had continuance till the Act of diſſoluc̃on in 1. E. 6. And then ſhortly after granted by the Crowne, as after I ſhall mention, fol: 363. As alſo I ſhall further write of the ſaid John Sergeant and of his diſcent in the next page, And fol : 369.

Likewise the ſaid Robert de Stane in 13. E. 1. gave 5. m̃ks land and rent in Berkeley for maintenance of a Chaplein to celebrate divine ſervice for ever in the Chaple of Stone, ad altare beatæ Mariæ celebrand̃. in capellâ de Stone, which are of the fee of Thomas de Berkeley and holden in Socage faith a writt of Ad q̃d damnum, and the Inquiſic̃on therby taken by Jury : wherof ſee more in the patent roll, and Roll of fines of that yeare or the yeare followinge, which I did not. As alſo of the pedegree of the ſaid Thomas de Stone to this day in the next page ; And in Waniſwell fol : 368, And in Nibley fol : 280. 281. at large.

This hamblett of Stone of trayned Souldiers furniſhed 5. corſletts and 1. muſket, vnder William Thorpe Eſq̃ their Captaine. Trayned Souldiers.

Freehold

Freehold lands within this Townſhip or hamblet of Stone; vz,

Old Court in Stone.

Heere in Stone is one very ancient ffreehold, lately reputed a Manor, wherof the Capitall meſſuage called the Old Court is motted round, over which is a drawe bridge, leadinge into the houſe; holden of George Lord Berkeley as of his manor of Hame (wherin it lyeth) by knights ſervice, ſute to his hundred Court of Berkeley from 3. weekes to 3. weekes, and by the yearly rent of—7ˢ. 10ᵈ. And is nowe aº. 1639. the feuall inheritance of 24. men, as more perticulerly ſhall after bee declared fol: 357. and after.

The owners of this capitall meſſuage called the Old Court were one of the five ancient ſubtaxors of the fifteene within this hundred of Berkeley, And ſtill, by it ſelfe, when that manner of payment is to the Crowne, paies—3ˢ. 4ᵈ.

The old owners of this land were Gwidoe, Bernard, Maurice, and Robert de Stone, formerly mentioned in the page before; And the ſaid Robert de Stone dyed
357 about 10. E. 1, leavinge iſſue Robert de Stone who dyed in | 27. E. 1; And by Agnes his wife left iſſue Thomas de Stone who dyed in 9. E. 2, And by Alienor his wife, who ſurvived him, left iſſue two daughters; Jone maried to John Sergeant, ſonne of John, And Alice maried to John Swonhunger, ſonne of John; Of which Alice and her huſband and their iſſues ſee before in Nybley fol: 281, And in Swonhunger fol: 365, And in Waniſwell fol: 367. 368. 369.

And the ſaid Jone and John Sergeant her huſband (of whom heere only) had iſſue Jone maried to Walter Hurſt, and was mother of Iſable, mother of Katherine, mother of Jone, firſt maried to Sir Robert Greindore, and after to Sir John Barre, And ſurvivinge them both, dyed her ſelfe in 1. H. 7. without iſſue, As both in Nibley I have written, fol: [281]; what time theis lands firſt came to bee the inheritance of the name and family of the Sergeants in their owne right: which pedegree heere againe to have mentioned I held needleſſe, Otherwiſe, or further then that Thomas Sergeant who dyed in 8º. Eliz: by Alice his wife left iſſue Thomas Sergeant. Who by his ſeverall Deeds inrolled in Chancery in 14º. et 16º. Eliz: The one dated, 24º. Septembr̃. 14. Eliz: inrolled 21. Apr̃. after, And by one fyne in Michas Terme, 14º. et 15º. Eliz: And by another deed dated aº. 16º. Eliz: aliened to Hugh Smyth Eſquire and to his feoffees in truſt, vz, Sir Willm Winter, Thomas Carewe, George Winter, and Mathewe Smyth his brother, and their heires, not only all theis which were the ſaid Thomas de Stones, and allotted in three deeds of partition to Jone his eldeſt daughter maried to John Sergeant, (which deeds I have

have read,) And which came to him as before hath byn ſaid; But alſo that meſſuage and carucate of land in Stone the old paternall inheritance of the Sergeants his Anceſtors, mentioned in the foreſaid Inquiſicõn vpon the ſaid writt of Ad quod damnum found in the 47. E. 3, there found to remaine to him the ſaid John Sergeant and his heires, beſides what hee gave then to the Chantry preiſts of Stone, holden ſaith that record of Thomas lord Berkeley in Capite by knight ſervice: which ſaid Hugh Smyth and his ſaid ſeoffees ſhortly after ſold and (as it were) retayled the farre greater part to the leſſees that then held the ſame, and to their heires, as after followeth in perticuler: And then dyed in Eliz: leavinge what remained vnſold to the ſaid Mathewe his brother and heire male, who died in 25. Eliz: As the Office found that yeare after his death in the county of Somerſet ſheweth, which therby came to Hugh Smyth his ſonne and heire, then but 8. yeares old, and in ward to that Queene Eliz: for other lands; who alſo (as after followeth) ſold thoſe lands that came to him to Henry Parmiter an Atturny at lawe, and to one Thomas Arnold, as after ſhall followe; And ſo were all againe ſoe aliened that none remained, noe not the cheeſe rents or menalties of ſervices to this manor, As nowe followeth, amongſt the liſt of the ffreeholders, who are the nowe owners, a°. 1639. 15°. Rꝰ Caroli.

William Thorpe of Waniſwell Eſq̃, holdeth |

Vrian Wiſe gent̃ 358

Thomas Bowſer

Joſias Graile, ſonne of John Graile Clerke,

Thomas Mors

John Mallett

and apportioned vpon the death of the ſaid John to pay—2ˢ. for his releeſe, after the fiftieth part of a knights fee; his rent beinge ꝑ añ—5ᵈ.

Richard

Richard Evered als Everard |

359 William Kirle in right of Alice his wife, daughter and heire of John Mallett late of Bevington.

John Wade

Richard Tippetts

Thomas Atkins

John Clutterbooke

Eddis Wallis, or Woolles,

Richard Cole genẽ |

360 William Arnold

John Swonhunger, als Saniger, in right of Elizabeth his wife, daughter and heire

Jone ffreeman

John Bradley

Nicholas

Nicholas Morſe by deed inrolled dated 20° Maij. 1642, purchaſed of Samuell Trotman of the Inner Temple Eſq, one meſſuage &c. with a garden, hopyard, and orchard, a cloſe of paſture adioyninge conť 1. acre, and one other cloſe of paſture conť 1 acre, called the pound cloſe, halfe an acre of meadowe ſhootinge vpon the Hame ditch, and halfe an acre of meadowe lying in Little hame, and 2. rudges of arrable land lyinge in Lobthorne, and a cheeſe rent of—19d p annñ iſſuinge out of the lands of Willm Curnocke; All which (except the rent) the ſaid Samuell by his Indenture dated 30° Septť. 11° Caroli, demiſed to Hugh Street for 99. yeares, if John, Robert, and Daniell, his ſonnes, or any of them. ſhould ſoe longe live, vnder the yearly rent of—24s and 2. capons, and 6s 8d for an heriott: which lands (inter alia) were heertoſore purchaſed by Hugh Smyth of Longe aſhton Eſq, and were by him by Indenture bearinge date 18° Septť 34° Eliz: ſold vnto Henry Parmiter of Tockington, who by his Indenture bearinge date 20° Maij. 12° Jacobi ſold the ſame to Richard Trotman of Cliffords Inne genť, and hee by his Indenture dať 3° Octobr 19° Jacobi, vnto Edward Trotman the elder genť, Edward, and Samuell his ſonnes; Which Edward the father and Edward the ſonne by their deed bearinge date 5° Junij. 9no Caroli, releaſed vnto Samuell, who ſold as before.

The ſaid Nicholas Morſe hath alſo by conveyance from Thomas Morſe his father |

John Oldland 361

John Maſon

John Jenkins in right of his wife, daughter of John Evered

Thomas Mallett

In this hamblet of Stone is a meſſuage and divers lands therto belongingē, containinge about 45. acres, in lower als nether Stone, in the pariſh of Berkeley as of his manor of Hame by knight ſervice, ſute of Court, and the yearly rents of—16d and of-12d farthinge, nowe the inheritance of Nicholas Webbe, ſonne of Nicholas 362 Webbs land, late Tryes.

Webbe

Webbe who dyed in 1.mo Rꝑ Caroli; which Maurice lord Berkeley the ſecond of that name about the end of the raigne of kinge H. 3. gave to Robert Berkeley his ſecond ſonne and his heires, who afterwards conveyed the ſame to Thomas Berkeley his ſecond ſonne, who was father of John Berkeley that was in Ward for the ſame; And by his death without iſſue the ſame diſcended to Margaret his ſiſter and heire maryed to Raph Trye; betweene whom was iſſue John Trye, father of John, father of Wiłłm, father of John and William; which John dyed without iſſue, leavinge the ſaid Wiłłm his brother and heire; which William, (who died in 14. H. 8,) had iſſue Edward Try who died in 18. H. 8, father of John, father of John, who died 33. Eliz:, father of Wiłłm who died in 8.o Jacobi, father of Wiłłm Try that nowe is, who by deed 20.o Julij 20.o Jacobi, ſold the ſame to the ſaid Nicholas Webb, father of the ſaid Nicholas, lately in ward to the kinge for other lands holden of the lord Stafford, in ward alſo to the kinge, wherby the kinge had gard pur cauſe de gard; late held by Martha Webbe mother of the ſaid Nicholas for her life, by the will of the ſaid Nicholas (dated, 1.o Januarij, a.o 1.mo Caroli,) her huſband; Shee lately in this yeare deceaſed, 1639.

Of this land ſee a fyne 20. Jac̃ in Mich̃as Terme, from Try to Webb. And for this pedegree ſee more largely in Beoly fol: 75. And in Inwoods in Stinchcombe fol: 345.

Stones Inne. late Machins. olim Pooles. nowe Gunnes.

Heere alſo in this village is a remarkeable com̃on Inne called Stones Inne, vſefull to travellers betweene the Cities of Glouc̃ and Briſtoll, eſpecially in the times of the two great marts or faires holden at Briſtoll on the daies of S.t Paul and of S.t James, in January and July, with 20. acres of land therto belonginge; nowe the inheritance of Thomas Gunne, and by him in a.o Rꝑ Caroli purchaſed of Thomas Machin; And was by John Machin his father in a.o Rꝑ Jacobi purchaſed of Richard Hicks, ſecond ſonne of Richard Hicks, To whom the ſaid Richard by his will in Eliz. Rñe, deviſed the ſame in generall taile, havinge before in 2. et 3. Ph: et Mar̃, and by a fine in Mich̃as terme after, purchaſed the ſame of Mathewe Goſſe and Alice his wife, one of the daughters and coheires of Thomas Merſon als Matſon, who alſo not longe before in 36. H. 8. purchaſed the other moity of Suzan Merſon als Matſon her ſiſter, And which the ſaid Thomas Merſon als Matſon, (then keeper of Whitcliffe parke,) purchaſed in 7. H. 8. of Richard Pole of Cotes Eſq, and of Leonard his ſonne and heire apparant; which Leonard died in 30. H. 8, and was father of Sir Gyles who dyed in 30. Eliz: and was father of Sir Henry, father of Henry Pole that nowe is, a.o 1639. Which Richard

Richard Pole was fecond fonne of John Pole of Cheſhire; | And was before the 363
land of

And is holden of George lord Berkeley as of his manor of Hame, by ſute to his hundred Court of Berkeley from 3. weekes to 3. weekes, And

What I formerly ſaid fol: 356. ſhould bee further mentioned of Chantry land, take heere; That vpon the diſſoluc̃on of Chantries by the ſtatute in 1. E. 6. the forementioned Chantry of Stone came to that kinge, who in the ſecond yeare of his raigne granted the ſame to Sir John Thyn knight and to Lawrence Hide gen̄t, and their heires, by the name of, Totam illam Cantariam beatæ Mariæ in Eccleſiâ de Stone, And all lands tenem^ts and hereditaments therto belonginge, in the tenure of Simon Ellis and others, (recitinge them all); Of which Simon Ellis als Eeles fee before in Snitend in Stinchcombe, as alſo of this Chantry, fol: [351.] The lands of which Chantry extended into Stone, Woodford, Swanly, Alkington, Hill, Berkeley and Stinchcombe; To hold in free ſocage of the kinge, as of his Manor of Bulford in the County of Wilts, by fealty only: who the ſame yeare ſold againe the ſame to Anthony Throckmerton and his heires, who alſo ſhortly after by ſeverall ſales retayled the ſame, as in thoſe townſhips in part appeareth, fol: [44, 90, 98, 116, 356] More of Chantries.

Somwhat more of this hamblet of Stone, eſpecially for the tenure of parts therof, may bee read in theis records not formerly mentioned, vz,

ffinis in banco 15. R. 2. pro Edm: ffourd et Joħa vxore eius.
Rot. Claus̃ 1. H. 4. in arce Londini.
ffinis in banco 16. Eliz: inter Smith, Winter, et al, from Sergeant.
Inqu: 20. Eliz: p^t mortē Mauricij Mallett.
Inqu: 25. Eliz: p^t mortē Mathei Smyth ar̃, in com̃ Som̃ſet.
Inqu: 9. Eliz: p^t mortē Thome Sergeant.
Inqu: 16. H. 8. p^t mortē Willi Try.
Inqu: 29. Eliz: p^t mortē xp̃opheri Weſterdale.—p ſervic̃ mil.
Inqu: 30. Eliz: p^t mortē Thome Tylladam—p ſervic̃ mil.
Inqu: 42. Eliz: p^t mortē Ric̃i Evered.—p ſervic̃ mil.
Inqu: 44. Eliz: p^t mortē Thome Phelps.—p ſervic̃ mil.
Inqu: 42. Eliz: p^t mortē Nicħi Thorpe Ar̃.
Inqu: 42. Eliz: p^t mortē Alicie Ward.—p ſervic̃ mil.
Inqu: 12. Jacobi, p^t mortē Thome Mors.—p ſervic̃ mil.
Inqu: 14. Rꝰ Caroli p^t mortē Thome Mors. p ſerviciū mil.

A deed

A deed in Berkeley caſtle dated on the day of the nativity of our bleſſed lady a°. 27. E. 1., wherby Agnes the widow of Robert de Stone releaſed to Thomas lord Berkeley the ſervices of 29. tenants which ſhee held in Dower, perticulerly named in the deed: To hold to the ſaid lord duringe the minority of Thomas de Stone heire of the ſaid Robert, And then in ward to him.

On the backe of which deed is thus anciently written: Scriptum Agnetis relicte Robti de Stone, facť Dño Tho: de Berkeł de diuſis redd et ſervič in Berkele, Hame, et Hineton. |

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Swonhunger.

Swonhunger; corruptly called Saniger; wherof before in the deſcription of Hame, fol: 209.

This is a ſmall hamblet parcell of that Manor of Hame, lyinge within the ffalloe therof, conſiſtinge of 13. dwellinge houſes; The moſt eminent wherof is the inheritance of John Swonhunger als Sanyger, A yonger branch diſcended from the ancient old owners of that and many other faire lands, which by the heire female at the comon lawe, came into the name of Thorpe, as next I ſhall write in the deſcription of Waniſwell, fol: 367, where a good part yet remaine with Willm Thorpe of Waniſwell heire therof; And a great part were aliened by George Thorpe his improvident father, who died in Virginia in 20°. Jacobi.

And the ſaid John Swonhunger als Saniger that nowe is, a°. 1639, is ſonne of John who died , ſonne of Maurice who died , ſonne of Robert who died , ſonne of William who died ; holden of the Manor of Hame by knight ſervice, ſute of Court, and by the yearly rents of vj^d. to the ſaid manor of Hame: And xij^d. to the manor of Hinton; which were by divers deeds in 10. 12. et 14. H. 8. purchaſed by the ſaid of Thomas Lewes als Davis, ſonne and heire of John Lewis.

Stantons place.

Heere alſo is another ancient meſſuage with 80. acres of land therto belonginge, the inheritance of George Lord Berkeley, which eſcheated to his anceſtor Willm Marques Berkeley in the time of kinge E. 4. And was after by him in 4. H. 7. conveyed with his Manor of Hame, as parcell therof, to H. 7. and the heires males of

of his body, with Remainder to the right heires of him the ſaid Marques Berkeley: By the death of kinge E. 6. the iſſue male of H. 7. failed, wherby Henry then lord Berkeley entred into that manor of Hame, and conſequently into this meſſuage, as beinge ſonne and heire of Thomas lord Berkeley, ſonne of Thomas, brother and heire of Maurice, ſonnes of Maurice, brother and heire of the ſaid Marques Berkeley: And late was in the tenure of Willm Mallet ſonne of Maurice, And of Maurice ſonne of the ſaid Willm: And is nowe A°. 1639. in the tenure of George Edmonds for life, by the demiſe of George lord Berkeley, grandchilde and heire to the ſaid lord Henry. When this meſſuage eſcheated it was the land of Richard Stanton, who dyed without heire generall or ſpeciall, whoſe widowe Margaret was after remaried to ' Brayne, and was endowed of this land, and died about H. 8. And was before it eſcheated holden of the ſaid Manor of Hame by ſute to the hundred Court of Berkeley from 3. weekes [to 3. weekes,] and by the yearly rent of ; And was lett by kinge H. 8. to the ſaid Willm Swonhunger, father of Robert, | father of John; ffor moſt of what is heerof written ſee the Court 366
Roll of Hame manor 7. H. 8. till that time. |

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Wanswell: Anciently in the time of kinge H. 2. written **Weneswell**; And in the time of kinge E. 1. it was written **Wayneswelle**; Is an hamblett within the manor of Hame within the pariſh of **Berkeley**, nowe conſiſtinge of 14. dwellinge houſes, but heertofore of greater extent and embracinge the foreſaid hamblet of Swonhunger: The greater part wherof lately belonged to the family of the Thorpes, holden of the Lord Berkeley by knight ſervice, by Caſtle gard, by keepinge and defendinge the faireſt and moſt important tower in the caſtle of Berkeley againſt any aſſault or invaſion, called Thorpes tower: And beinge by knight ſervice cañot bee aliened from the Caſtle but remaines inſeperable; As are the booke caſes, 1°. Aſſiſes. Brooke Tenures. 11. 19. E. 2. Aſſiſes. fol: 399. Cooke Coñ. fol:

The moſt eminent meſſuage of this hamblet is called Waniſwell Court, the ancient habitation of the family of the Thorpes, and nowe a°. 1639. of Willm Thorpe Eſq, captaine over 150. trayned ſouldiers dwellinge in the villages round about him: An houſe defended on each ſide with a well watered mott, fed with a freſh runninge ſpringe ariſinge not farre of nowe called Holy well, held to bee of vertue

vertue and medecinable ; Anciently called Woden well or Wodenſwell, from the Goddeſſe Woden the Idoll of our old Anceſtors the paynim Saxons, of whom wee have the name of Wednesday, the third day of our weeke, as Verſtegan faith fol : ; ffrom which goddeſſe and this her well, have byn by our forefathers as tradition tells related ſo many miracles and ſtrange cures there wrought, that from the concurrence and confluence of all ages and ſexes, meetinge at this vn-holy well, The proverbe aroſe, which yet continueth ; That all the maids in Wanſwell, may dance in an egſhell : Ovid the wanton poet hath,

Caſta eſt, quam nemo rogavit.

And

Non caret effectu, quod voluere duo.

This faire ſpringe havinge in its courſe, watered the meadowe grounds belowe it, compaſſeth well nigh three fourth parts of Berkeley Towne and Caſtle, and that done, falls into Berkeley haven, where its freſhnes turneth ſalt.

Capella in Waniſwell.

In 40. H. 3. A°. 1256. Willm then Abbot of St Auguſtines Monaſtery by Briſtoll, granted to Phillip de Leiceſter (then huſband to Iſable de Waniſwell, the widowe of Henry de Waniſwell, who held the capitall meſſuage called Waniſwell Court in her right for her life, whom alſo ſhee ſurvived) licentiam erigendi Capellam infra Curium ſuam de Weneſwell, in qua, ſibi, ſuis hoſpitibus, et familiæ ſuæ divina ſumptibus ſuis faciet celebrare, exceptinge in the foure principall feaſts, wherin they muſt come to the mother Church of Berkeley. This Iſable was daughter and heire to |

368 Freeholds within this hamblet or village of Waniſwell, and of Swonhunger, which in many places lye intermingled,

The ancienteſt Deed that I have met with, or which I ſuppoſe is extant, naminge this hamblet, is in the time of kinge H. 2. in theis words ;

Waiclus de Skenefrid omnibus hominibus et amicis ſuis ſalutem. Sciatis me dediſſe et conceſſiſſe Mauricio filio Nigelli pro ſervicio ſuo et homagio ſuo, terram quam Walterus filius Alwini tenuit de me in Weniſwella, et ſerviciū eiuſdem terræ, et terram Wudewellegrof cū ōibus ptineñ ſuis, ſibi et heredibus ſuis Tenend, de me et heredibus meis, in feodo et hereditate libere et quiete et integre et honorifice, Reddendo

Reddendo inde ſingulis annis ad feſtm ſci Michis vnam libram piperis vel ſex denarios, ad voluntatem Mauricij vel heredum ſuorum, pro omni ſervicio, excepto regali ſervicio, et qũ ꝑdcus Mauricius fecit mihi hummagium, dedit mihi de recognitione tres marcas et dimid. Hijs teſtibus, Dño Mauricio de Berkel, Roberto filio eius, et Ricо fre eius, Magiſtro Mauricio, Reg et Thoma Capellañ, Adam ſeneſchallo, Adam filio Nigelli, Ricо de Cuhulla, Helia de ſalſo mariſco, Rogero de Stinteſcombe, Bernardo de Stanes, Waltero filio Albti, Willo de Paris, Rado de Stinteſcombe, Robto Gauſell, Robto filio Señli, Ricо pucerũ, Willo Wenri, Waltero de Iwel, Bartholomeo de Olep^s, Henrico de Stanes, Petro de Haia, Rogero venatore, Ricо filio Willi, Aluredo Janitore, et multis alijs.

Alſo another deed ſhortly after in theis words; Rogerus de Berkel õibus hõibus et amicis ſuis ſalm. Sciatis me ad petitionem Mahel de Skeneſrid conceſſiſſe et hac mea carta confirmaſſe Mauricio filio Nigelli, Terram quã Walterus filius Alwini tenuit de Mahelo apud Weneſwellam, que eſt de feodo meo, et ſerviciũ eiuſdem terre, et terram Wudewellegroſt cũ õibus ptineñ ſuis, Tenend de eod Mahelo et hered ſuis libere quiete et integre et honorifice, ſicut carta ꝑdci Maheli teſtatur. His teſtibus &c. the ſame 26. Which ſhewes that this and the former Deed were ſealed at one time, And at the ſame meetinge, dinner or ſupper, accordinge to the vſe of thoſe times.

This ancient meſſuage called Waneſwell Court came after a fewe yeares in the time of kinge H. 3. to bee the inheritance of Henry de Weneſwell, ſonne of Henry, of whom read in the page before; who by his deed without date, for 100. mks ſterlinge, ſold to Robert de Stanes and his heires, Totam Curiam ſuam apud Waneſwell, and all the lands therto belonginge, with the revertion of the lands there which Iſable his mother held in Dower, To hold of the cheife Lord by the rents and ſervices accuſtomed.

And about the ſame time the ſaid Henry de Waneſwell by his like deed without date, for 112. markes ſterlinge, ſold All his lands and tenem^ts in Stone and Woodſord to the ſaid Robert de Stanes and his heires, with the Revertion of the lands there which Iſable his mother held in Dower: To hold of the cheefe lord by the rents and ſervices accuſtomed.

By a deed without date, the ſaid Henry de Weneſwell filius et heres magiſtri Phillippi de Leiceſter, releaſed to Thomas lord Berkeley a place in Windmilfeild, with the Windmill there built, in fee.

By

By a deed without date, Robert le Breht conveyed to Phillip of Leicester and his heires divers lands in and about Wanifwell, To hold of him by 6d. rent; And releafed him the faid Phillip from fute to his Court in Hinton. |

369 By another deed without date, Ifable the widowe of Phillip de Leic: fold to Maurice lord Berkeley and his heires, The wood called Barndewood, (nowe Burnwood,) which the faid lord Maurice had of the grant of the faid Phillip, lyinge in Hinton; And Hildebrugg̃ fomtime wife of Thomas Mathias, granted the faid wood to the faid Lord Maurice, which fomtime belonged to her freehold, faith this Deed; See fol: 222.

The faid Robert de Stone als Stanes dyed in 27. E. 1. And by Agnes his wife, who furvived him, leaft iffue Thomas de Stone who died in 9. E. 2. And by Alienor his wife who furvived him, leaft iffue two daughters, vz, Jone and Alice; Jone was maried to John Sergeant, of whofe iffue and difcent I have formerly written, fol: 356.

The faid Alice was within age at her fathers death, and therby in ward to Thomas lord Berkeley for part of this land, and was maried to John Swonhunger fonne of John Swonhunger: And had iffue betweene them Thomas and Wiłłm: Thomas died fhortly after his mother without iffue, And William was his brother and heire; And by Ifable his firft wife had iffue Elias Swonhunger Of whom after: And by Jone his fecond wife daughter of John Larrenge had noe iffue that I have found.

Betweene theis fifters Jone and Alice and their hufbands, one partition by a Deed in french was made in 3. E. 3. wherby the lands afwell in Over ftone as in Lower ftone, and alfo the lands in Woodford, were allotted to Jone and her heires: And theis lands in Wanifwell were allotted to Alice and her heires.

And alfo one other partition was after made in 21. E. 3, betweene the faid Wiłłm Swonhunger fonne of the faid Alice, And his cozen Jone wife of Walter Hurft, daughter and heire of Jone maried to John Sergeant, wherby either of them had part of the lands in Nibley, &c. as before fol: 280. 281.

And alfo a third partition was by another deed made in 27. E. 3. betweene the faid Wiłłm Swonhungre brother and heire of Thomas, and John Serieant the yonger,

yonger, of their faid anceftors lands in Hame, Came, Stinchcombe, Kingefcote, and Hafelcote, (except the fifhinge in the river of Severne,) wherby to the faid William were allotted the lands in Kingfcote and Hafilcote, wherof I have formerly written, fol: 252, in Kingefcote: And to the faid John were allotted the lands in Hame, Came, and Stinchcombe.

The forefaid Elias Swonhunger, fonne of Wiffm Swonhunger and of Ifable his wife maried Ifable daughter and coheire of John de Albiniaco als Albeny, who brought with her the third part of a third part of the Manor of Kingefholme by Glouc̃, wherof the Exchequer records in the office of the Remembrancer to the lord Treaforer, in regard the tenure is in Capite by knight fervice, are loaden, and make more then 20. times mention: By which Ifable hee had iffue Elias Swonhunger, who died in R. 2., havinge had noe iffue by Tibota his fecond wife the widowe of Richard Reeves; And the faid Elias, fonne of Elias and Ifable, died in 13. R. 2, and by Jone his wife daughter of John Bill left iffue John Swonhungre, who was in ward for theis lands to Thomas then lord Berkeley, and died without iffue in 3. H. 4. | And Ifable and Elizabeth were his fifters and heires; Which Elizabeth was maryed 370
to James Gaynor of Kingfholme Efq̃, and died after without iffue; And the faid Ifable was her fifter and heire then maried to John Thorpe of Briftoll, who furvivinge his wife dyed in 19. H. 6. And John Thorpe called the younger was their fonne and heire, who firft maried Ifable by whom hee had noe iffue and fecondly maried Margaret the daughter of Toite, by whom hee had iffue Richard Thorpe and Margery; which Margery was in 9. E. 4. maried to Wiffm Davis of Durfley, Of whom and the land given in mariage with her more followeth, and of her iffue, fol: 379. And dyed in 9. E. 4. Concerning which John Thorpe iuñ and Margaret his wife, See a fine in the Court of Comon pleas, wherby in 34. H. 6. they purchafed of John Bulledon and Alice his wife, one meffuage, one Carucate of land, 15. acres of meadowe and 8. acres of wood, and 7^{s} 8^{d} rent in Wike, Lorwinch, Walingafton, Berkeley, Hame, Alkington, and Halmer, in fee.

The forefaid Richard Thorpe in 37. H. 6. maried Margery daughter and heire of Wiffm Loffe of Monmouth, by whom hee had a faire inheritance there and in the villages adioyninge; And dyed in 6. H. 8, whom the faid Margery furvived and dyed in 10. H. 8. leavinge iffue betweene them Thomas Thorpe, who was Receiver to Maurice Lord Berkeley, and went with him in the Army which in 5. H. 8. was fent into Spaine, and died in 17. H. 8. leavinge iffue Thomas Thorpe by Alice his firft wife, daughter of Daftin; but by Jone his fecond wife had noe iffue.

The

The ſaid Thomas Thorpe ſonne of Thomas and Alice, was in minority at his fathers death and therby in ward to kinge H. 8. for his ſaid land in Kingſholme: And after maried Margaret daughter of William Throgmorton of Tortworth, and dyed in 34. H. 8. leavinḡ iſſue Nicholas by the ſaid Margaret, who after her ſaid huſbands death was remaried to Welſh, whom alſo ſhee ſurvived, and dyed at Berkeley in 9. Eliz. Rñe, 1566. The ſaid Nicholas Thorpe ſonne of Thomas and Margaret, was alſo in ward to the kinge for his ſaid land of Kingſholme, And in 7°. Eliz: maried Mary the daughter of Chriſtopher Wikes alſ Maſon, neece to Sir John Maſon a Counſellor of State; by which mariage hee had the manor of Charelton in Middleſex; by whom hee had iſſue George Thorpe and others; and after her death maried Anne daughter of Hill, and widowe of Willm Laverence alſ Laurance of Canonbury by Berkeley, who was till his death in 20. Eliz: Steward to Henry lord Berkeley of his lands in this hundred of Berkeley: By which Anne, who longe ſurvived him, hee alſo had iſſue: And the ſaid Nicholas died in 42. Eliz: And the ſaid George the ſame yeare maried Margaret daughter of Sir Thomas Porter by whom hee had noe iſſue: And after in 8°. Rꝑ Jacobi, maried Margaret daughter and heire of David Harris of Briſtoll, by whom his eſtate was much inlarged with lands there; And by her had iſſue William Thorpe aforeſaid, John and Margaret; And after ſhee had 7. yeares ſurvived her huſband, died at Waniſwell in 5to Rꝑ Caroli; And the ſaid George Thorpe before his goeinge into Virginia in 18°.
371 Rꝑ Jacobi, where hee dyed | the ſecond yeare after, ſold away, (beſides his other lands in other Counties formerly mentioned,) theis parcells followinge in the hundred of Berkeley, nowe this yeare, 1639. the ſeverall inheritances of 33. men, as followeth, vz,

William Hopton in right of Agnes his wife, daughter and heire of Thomas Buddinge

Thomas Smyth of Waniſwell ſonne and heire of Mathew Smith, (dead this 7th of October, 1639. as I was in holdinge the law day at Berkeley for this hundred. And in reveiwe of this hamblett of Waniſwell,)

John Turner,

John

John Richards,

John Clutterbooke

Giles Hiett |

George Lewes 372

William Jones genť

Thomas Mors

George Clutterbooke

John Winſton

Robert Baily, ſonne of Thomas Bayly of Hame |

William Tought 373

Beniamin Pinckett

Jane Howell

Thomas Tyndall, nowe (for other lands) in ward to the kinge, holdeth 3. acres of land in Achinton, in the Tithinge of Alkington.

John

John Smith, of Berkeley heath

James Hart, |

374 George Carpenter

James Clutterbooke,

John Griffith,

Richard Laverence,

John Havard,

Thomas Smyth, cozen and heire of John Smyth, |

375 Thomas Kellinge

James Taught

Richard Dangerfeild

And the faid William Thorpe himfelfe, |

And

And for more of this hamblett of Waneſwell and of the tenure of the foreſaid lands, And for prooſe of the pedegree before laid downe, take theis records, vz, 376

Inqu: 16. R. 2. pars 1, p^t mortē Joħis Gifford.
Liber Relevioꝝ in Term̃ Hillar̃. 4. H. 4. c̃m Rem̃ Thefaur̃ in Scc̃io.
Micħas Rec̃. iƀm. 17. H. 6.
Rot. finium. 22. R. 2. membr: 14.—per ſervic̃ militare.
Inqu: 22. R. 2. p^t mortē Joħis Swonhunger.—per ſervic̃ mił.
Rot. Claus̃. 22. R. 2. pars. 2. membr. 11.—per ſervic̃ mił.
Inqu: 6. E. 4. p^t mortem Agnetis Baſſett.
Inqu: 6. H. 8. p^t mortem Ric̃i Thorpe.—ꝑ ſervic̃ mił.
Inqu: 35. H. 8. p^t mortem Thomæ Thorpe.—per ſervic̃ mił.
Inqu: 9. E. 4. p^t mortem Joħis Thorpe.
Micħas Rec̃. 3. H. 8. Rot. 3. in ſc̃io c̃m Rem̃ Thefaur̃.
ffines de Term̃ Triñ. 7. H. 8. Rot. 1. in Scc̃io iƀm.
ffines de Term̃ Hiłł: 12. H. 8. Rot. 3. iƀm.
Originall: 6. H. 8. Rot. 7. iƀm.
Micħas Rec̃· 9. Eliz: Rot. 168· iƀm.
Inqu: 42. Eliz: p^t mortem Nicħi Thorpe.—ꝑ ſervic̃ mił.
Inqu: 21. Jacobi, p^t mortem Georgij Thorpe.—ꝑ ſervic̃ mił.
A ſuite in the Court of wards in Terme, Caroli, George lord Berkeley plt̃, Wiłłm Edwards def^t—very good for all the purchaſers names and lands purchaſed.—In Berkeley caſtle.
Diu͡ſi Rotuli Curiæ man͡ij de Hame, 42. Eliz:
Comp̃i Man͡ij de Hame, 2° Jacobi.

The tenure alſo of part of this land may ſeeme to bee created by a Deed indented without date, made by Thomas lord Berkeley the ſecond of that name, to the forementioned Thomas de Stone ſonne of Robert, Of two yard land in Waniſwell, And of a feild called Windmilfeild, and of a paſture ground called Old fiſh were, And of 2. acres of land at Stone in Hame, And of 4. acres of land at Woodſord in Alkington, To hold to him the ſaid Thomas de Stone and the heires of his body, vnder the yearly rent of—4^li: for all ſervices, ſalvo regali ſervicio &c, et ſalva ſecta magnæ Curia ſuæ de Berkeley de tribus ſeptimañ in tres ſeptimañ. Which rent and ſervices are to this day paid and done, 1639.|

Heere alſo is an other meſſuage (one of the former 14. in Waniſwell), called Smythes place, the inheritance of Thomas Smyth, ſonne and heire of Mathew aforenamed 377 Smythes place.

aforenamed, ſonne of Thomas who died Eliz:, ſonne of William who died in 1° Eliz : and of his wife daughter of , heire in taile to John Neel of Swonhunger, to whom and to the heires of his body John Sergeant of Stone granted the ſame by Deed, in theis words;

Omnibus xp̃i fidelibus ad quos preſens ſcript̃m indentatum pvenit, Johes Sergeant de Stone ſalt̃m in Dño; Noveritis me dediſſe conceſſiſe et hoc p̃nti ſcripto meo confirmaſſe Johanni Neel de Swonhungre, Omnia terras et tenta quæ quondam Wiltus de Swonhunger de me tenuit ad terminum vite ſue, in Hame: Habend et Tenend oia p̃dca terras et tenta, cum pratis, paſcuis, paſturis, boſcis, hais, foſſatis, et oibus alijs vbiq; fuis ptinen p̃ſato Joh̃i Neel et hered de corpore ſuo legittime procreatis, de me et hered meis, liberè, quiete, bene, et in pace, iure hereditario, &c. Reddendo inde anuatim mihi et hered meis vnū denariū ad feſt̃m ſci Mich̃is, et herieť cùm acciderit ſcdm confuetud patriæ, Et reddendo inde et ſaciendo pro me et hered meis Dño de Berkeley oia alia ſervicia inde debita et de iure confueta. Et ſi contingat p̃dcm Joh̃em Neel ſine herede de corpore ſuo l̃ittime procreat obire, quod abſit, tunc oia p̃dca terræ et tenta cm oibus fuis ptinen mihi et hered meis integrè revertantur. Et ego verò p̃dcus Joh̃es Sergeant et heredes mei oia p̃dca terras et tenta, cm oibus eoꝝ ptinen, p̃dco Joh̃i Neel et hered de corpore ſuo legittimè procreatis in forma p̃dca, contra omnes homines warrantizabimus et defendemus. In cuius rei teſtimonium p̃ſentibus ſigillum meum appoſui. H[i]is Teſtibus, Joh̃e Belin, Henric de Egeton, Waltero Machen, Joh̃e le hurne, Rico Gilman, et alijs. Dat apud Berkeley die Jovis prox poſt feſt̃m ſci Ambroſij, Anno regni Regis Edwardi tercij poſt conqueſt̃m—xxxvi^to

This 40s I have knowne the ſaid Mathewe Smyth (with whom the deed remaineth), to pay more then 40. yeares, And to doe fute to the hundred Court of Berkeley from 3. weekes to 3. weekes; who hath affirmed to mee, that the eſtate taile created by the ſaid Deed, as yet remaineth, not docked or diſcontinued, wherof I ſomwhat doubt: And for the penny reſerved I ſhall after write, and alſo for the heriot.

There is alſo another Deed of this land made 6. yeares before the former, in theis words, vz,

Omnibus ad quos prefens ſcriptum pvenerit, Wiltus Swonhunger frater et heres Thome Swonhunger de Waneſwell, ſalt̃m in Dño.—Noveritis me inſpexiſſe quoddam

quoddam ſcript̃m per Joħem Swonhunger patrem meum factum Joħi filio Iſoldæ Neel, Iſabellæ et Joħi filio eoꝝdem, in hec verba. Omnibus xp̃i fidelibus ad quos preſens ſcript̃m pvenerit, Joħes filius et heres Joħis Swonhunger ſalt̃m. Noveritis me tradidiſſe conceſſiſſe et hoc p̃ſenti ſcripto meo confirmaſſe Joħi filio Iſoldæ Neel, Iſabelle vxori ſuæ, et Joħi filio eoꝝ de p̃dc̃a Iſabella ł̃ittimè procreat̃, Totum illud tenementum quod Iſolda Neel aliquando tenuit in Swonhunger, Habend̃ et tenend̃ totū p̃dc̃m teñtum, vz, meſſuagiū, Curtilagiū, gardiñ, terras, prata paſcua et paſtur̃, c̃m õibus vbiq; ꝑtineñ ſuis dic̃to tenemento adiacentibus de me et hered̃ meis, p̃dc̃is Joħi, Iſabelle vxori ſue, et Joħi filio eoꝝ de p̃dc̃a Iſabellâ legittimè procreat̃ quamdiu vixerint et vni eoꝝ diutius viveñ, libere, quiete, integre, bene et in pace, Reddend̃ annuatim mihi et hered̃ meis decem ſolidos argenti ad quatuor anni terminos principales. Quod quidem ſcript̃m et õia in eo contenta, vz, Totum teñtum p̃dc̃m cū õibus ſuis ꝑtineñ p̃dc̃o Joħi filio Joħis, filio Iſoldæ de p̃dc̃a Iſabella legittimè ꝑcreat, | Agneti vxori eius et hered̃ de corpore p̃dc̃i Joħis filij Joħis filij 378
Iſoldæ legittimè procreat̃, ratifico et confirmo per preſentes imperpetuum. Tenend̃ de me et hered̃ meis vel meis aſſignatis per ſervicia in p̃dc̃o ſcripto nominata; Et ſi p̃dc̃us Joħes filius Joħis filij Iſoldæ ſine herede de corpore ſuo legittimè procreat̃, obierit, tunc tot̃m p̃dc̃m teñtum c̃m õibus ſuis ꝑtineñ mihi et heredibus meis integre revertatur: Et ego p̃dc̃us Joħes Swonhunger et heredes mei tot̃m p̃dc̃m teñtum c̃m õibus ſuis ꝑtineñ dc̃o Joħi filio Joħis filij Iſoldæ, Agneti vxori eius, et hered̃ de corpore p̃dc̃i Joħis filij Joħis filij Iſoldæ legittimè procreat̃, contra ões gentes warrantizabimus et defendemus imperpetuum. In cuius rei teſtimonium huic ſcripto confirmationis indentato ſigillum predic̃ti Joħis filij Joħis, filij Iſoldæ, et ſigillum meum alternatim ſunt appenſa. Hijs teſtibus, Joħe Sergeant, Joħe Caple, Joħe Draicote, Henrico de Egeton, Thome Pain, Joħe Bill, et alijs. Dat̃ apud Berkeleie die Dominica proximè poſt ſeſt̃m paſche, Anno regni regis Edwardi tercij poſt conqueſtum, Triceſimo.

This is the Deed which is in force at this day, as Mathew Smyth hath ſaid to mee. And this, in the foreſaid partition of 27. E. 3. vnder the word Hame, (within which manor it is,) was allotted to Sergeant. [See ante, fo. 281.]

Of this land John Peers of Combe hath, in Caroli, purchaſed two acres of meadowe in Matford, of Thomas Smyth ſonne and heire of the ſaid Mathewe.

This Mathewe Smyth (nowe vpon his late death diſcended to Thomas his ſonne and heire,) hath alſo one other ancient meſſuage in the hamblet of Halmer, Hills place in Halmer.

within

within the manor of Hame, with divers lands belonginge therto, called Hills place, nowe decayed and become pasture ground, which hath continued and runne alonge the former lyne as aforesaid, but originally distinct from the foresaid messuage called Smythes place.

Inqu: 21° mcij. 15. Rℓ Caroli p: mortem Mathei Smyth, (qui obijt 7° Octobr. a° pd,) findeth this messuage and all the lands therto belonginge very pticulerly in Wanifwell, to bee holden of the lord Berkeley as of his Manor of Hame, by sute to his hundred Court of Berkeley from 3. weekes to 3. weekes, and by the yearly rent of 40s And by knight service: And Thomas to bee his sonne and heire. The jury were all of his next neighbours, And for most part such as had lands of the same, and of the same tenure; And is the first leadinge office of this land. |

379 Wikeselme. late Buddings. nowe Morse.

In the vtter skirts of Wanifwell towards Berkeley towne is an ancient messuage with 55 acres of land belonginge therto, late the inheritance of Thomas Buddinge high Bayly to Henry late lord Berkeley of his hundred of Berkeley, who died in 18° Rℓ Jacobi, sonne of John Buddinge who died 10° Eliz: ffrom which Thomas Buddinge the said messuage and lands discended to Agnes his only daughter and heire, first maried to John Mors of Came who dyed in 8. Rℓ Jacobi, as the Inquisicon or office that yeare found after his death sheweth; By whom the said Agnes hath issue Thomas Mors yet livinge, vpon whom the fee is setled: And the said Agnes was shortly after remarried to Wiłłm Hopton, by whom shee hath issue Wiłłm Hopton and others yet livinge, 1639, abidinge vpon this messuage: which is holden (as the rest of Wanifwell is) of the lord Berkeley, by knight service and sute to his hundred Court of Berkeley from three weekes [to three weeks,] And by the yearly rent of—11s paid to the said Lords manor of Hame wherin it lyeth: And was severed from the capitall messuage called Wanifwell Court or manor of Wanifwell aforementioned, by a Deed made by Margaret Thorpe the widowe of John Thorpe and by Richard Thorpe their sonne, bearinge date 1° Septembr. a° 9° E. 4, to Wiłłm Davis of Dursley and Margery his wife daughter of the said John Thorpe and sister of the said Richard, whervpon was a rent of—11s reserved to bee paid to the said Manor of Hame, paid at this day, as is aforesaid.

And (as if the meaninge of some of those parties had byn mistaken), a newe deed was made the 21th day of the said September, a° 9. E. 4. pd, by the said Margaret the widowe of the said John Thorpe and by Richard Thorpe their eldest sonne,

ſonne, to the ſaid William Davis of Durſley and Margery his wiſe daughter of the ſaid John Thorpe, and to the heires of their bodies, Rendringe to the ſaid Richard Thorpe and his heires one pound of Comin, and heriot after every deceaſe for ever. Which William Davis and Margery had iſſue John Davis who died , and left iſſue John Davis thelder of Durſley aforeſaid, who dyed in 27. H. 8. as the office or Inqu: found that yeare after his death doth ſhewe: And howe hee left the ſame to Nicholas Davis his grandchilde, ſonne of John, ſonne of him the ſaid John Davis th'elder, ſaid therin to bee holden of the Manor of **Berkeley** by 11s. yearly rent for all ſervices, And that the ſaid Nicholas was then but 15. yeares old; After the death of which Nicholas it came to Anſelme Davis, who by Deed in 1o. Eliz: and by a fine in Hillary Terme 2o Eliz: ſold the ſame to John Buddinge aforeſaid; By whoſe death in 10. Eliz: p̃d, the ſame diſcended to the forefaid Thomas his ſonne, father of the ſaid Agnes, firſt maryed to Mors and after to Hopton as above is written.

And this meſſuage and land was in 32. H. 6. purchaſed by the ſaid John Thorpe of Nicholas Stanſhawe and Margery his wiſe, and are mentioned to lye in Berkeley, Wike, Hinton, Lawrenge, Hame, Walingaſton, Alkington, and Halmer, (all places neere adioyninge,) And which the ſaid Nicholas Stanſhawe and Margery recovered againſt Willm Browne and Agnes his wiſe in 7. H. 5. by the name of one meſſuage 40. acres of land and 9. acres of meadowe in Berkeley: ffor which ſee the Records in Michas terme 7. H. 5. Rot. 6. in banco. And Hillary Terme after. Rot. 43. in banco p̃d̃co. |

380 Buddings name & diſcent.

And (for the antiquity of the name of Buddinge in this hundred of **Berkeley**), I will in this place note out of Deeds in Berkeley Caſtle, That the aforementioned John Buddinge father of the ſaid Thomas was heire male lyneally diſcended from Willm Buddinge, to whom Adam the ſonne of Nigell of Swonhunger in the time of kinge R. 1. gave in frankmarriage with Alice his ſiſter, the 4th part of one yard land in Bevington; Which Willm Buddinge and Alice had iſſue John Buddinge, from whom was John Buddinge, from whom was an other John Buddinge, from whom was William Buddinge who lived in the time of kinge E. 3, from whom was John Buddinge in the time of R. 2, from whom was Willm Buddinḡ livinge in 1. E. 4, father of John Buddinge; To whoſe daughter and heire called Margaret maryed to Thomas Dagge of Harryſtoke neere Briſtoll, this land diſcended by force of the forefaid frankmariage, and not to the brother of the ſaid John: Which Thomas Dagge and Margaret had iſſue William Dagge, father of Willm, father of Samuell,

Samuell, who in 30°. Eliz: (the yeare after the death of his father,) was hanged at Ilchester in the county of Somset, for felony by him comitted in the life of his father, wherby this 4th part of the said yard land escheated to Henry then lord Berkeley, Of whose Manor of Hame the same was holden; And is nowe, a° 1639, in the tenure of James Atwood for his life at—10s. rent: And hath for many yeares past byn called Gennes house, or Dags land: Howbeit the posterity of the younger brother of the last mentioned John Buddinge is blessed with a larger portion of livelihood, and more successefull, as before appeares.

Of this name and kindred lived Willm Buddinge in 8. H. 7, and Thomas Buddinge of Wike, And John Buddinge of Bradston in 10. H. 8, And John Buddinge, and John his sonne in 1°. Mariæ, in this hundred, as divers Court Rolls doe shewe.

Butlers lands somtimes Oldlands.

Heere also in Wanifswell are divers lands and Tenements called Butlers, containinge 80. acres of land meadowe and pasture, and 2. groves of wood of 5. acres, which Nicholas Thorpe father of George Thorpe by deed dated 18°. Octobr 14°. Eliz: Rñe, purchased of Anne daughter and heire of Thomas Butler, And wherof shortly after a fyne was levied by her the said Anne and ffrancis Butler her halfe brother, to the said Nicholas Thorpe, in Easter Terme after a° 15to Eliz: ꝓd. Which said Anne had two other brothers (of the wholl bloud,) Henry, who died 1°. Eliz: and Willm who dyed 11°. Eliz: both of them without issue: And were the children of Thomas Butler who died in 4to Mar Rñe; And which the said Thomas in 14. H. 8. pchased of John Oldland, sonne of Thomas Oldland, sonne of John Oldland who dyed seized of theis lands in 1mo R. 3. And were before the lands of John Sergeant of Stone, who by his deed in 37. E. 3. granted the same to Walter Oldland,
381 and to the heires | males of his body, reservinge the yearly rent of 20s. and an heriot after every decease, And doinge the services due to his cheife Lord therof, by the name of Totum capitale messuagium meum apud Wanswell, cum crofto, boscis, terris, &c. quæ mihi accidebant iure hereditario post mortem patris mei; And are not the lands called Oldlands place formerly mentioned in Halmer fol: 223.

Note further, that the said Willm Butler brother of the said Anne was an Ideott from his birth, And soe found by two Inquisicons in 9. et 15. Eliz: seized of 85. acres of land (inter alia) holden of the lord Berkeley in soccage by the yearly rent of—17s. 10d. ob: for all services; And was brother and heire of Henry, who died ten yeares before the said William. Which Inquisicon in 9no Eliz: mentioneth all

all theis lands in pticuler, and findeth fome of them to bee holden of the faid Nicholas Thorpe, whofe purchafe therof abovementioned deftroyed his menalty, and foe came to bee holden as Wanfwell Court it felfe: And the Inqu: 16to Eliz: pt mortē Willi Butler is more plaine and perticuler in all the premiffes, wherto I referre you.

In Wanfwell alfo is another ancient meffuage with divers lands therto belonginge, the inheritance of John Ricards of the Bay, fonne of John Ricards who died , fonne of Willm Ricards who died , brother and heire of John Ricards who died 30. Eliz:, fonnes of John Ricards who died in 6to Eliz:, fonne of John Ricards who died in 1o Eliz:, fonne of John, who died , fonne of Willm who died , fonne of that John Ricards who by his deed in 2. H. 7. (the yeare hee dyed) entayled this meffuage and land vpon the faid William his fonne: In which firname of Ricards als Richards, (diftinguifhed from another family of the fame name by a Bay tree at his doore, That other from a vine, called Richards of the vine,) theis lands have continued fince the time of kinge E. 2. at the leaft: And are holden of the lord Berkeley as of his manor of Hame, by fute to his hundred Court of Berkeley from 3. weekes to 3. weeke, The yearly rent of —4s But whether in focage or by knight fervice I have not obferved, of old: But by a faire Court Roll in 30. Eliz: written and engroffed with the proper hand of Humphrey Alfop then high Steward, they are holden by knight fervice: And foe alfo is the Court roll of Hame in paper 29. Eliz: | Richards lands of the bay.

Heere alfo is a meffuage and 53. acres of land in Wanfwell, holden of George lord Berkeley as of his Caftle of Berkeley hernes in foccage by fealty only, as is found by an Inquificōn after the death of Sir James Stumpe in 5to Eliz: Rñe, pars. 1. And that Elizabeth the wife of Sir Henry Knevet was his daughter and heire, then 20. yeares old. ffor more Records heerof fee fol: 258 in Lorrenge. 382 Stumpes land nowe

And theis lands are nowe the inheritance of |

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Warth: See in Slimbridge. fol: 329. 385
Weston: See Kingfwefton. fol: 255.
Westridge wood: See in Wotton. fol: 403.
Whitcliffe parke: See in Hame. fol: 210.
Wickstowe: See Hame. fol: 214.

Worthy

Worthy parke: See in Hame fol: 210. And in Alkington, fol: 30.
Wortley, an hamblet of the Manor of Wotton. See fol: 419.
Wolpen. See Owlepen. fol: 309.
Witney meadowe, als **Whitney mead**: Slimbr̃: fol: 325.
Wike iuxta **Arlingham**. See Arlingham fol: 56.
Wike Court, See Bainham, fol: 71. See Pedington, fol: 313. And in the backe of this leafe.
Wike als **Goldeswike**. See Alkington, fol: 30. and after.
Wike als **Dangervils wike**: See Alkington, fol: 30, and after. |

386 **Wike Court**: Of the name of Wike are divers ancient meffuages and hamblets within this hundred, As Wike iuxta Arlingham, often written Arlingham Wike, wherof before fol: 56. And Wike als Goldefwike, wherof before fol: 30. &c. And Wike als Dangervils Wike, wherof before fol: 30. &c. And alfo the little village or hamblet in Alkington tithinge, neere vnto Nibley, wherof before fol: 33. &c. And Wikefelme in Wanifwell neere Berkeley in Hamsfallowe. Of one ancient capitall meffuage or manor houfe wherin called Wike Court, I write, the inheritance of John Turner, whofe father John Turner, who died in Rℓ Caroli, did in Jacobi purchafe the fame of ffrancis Dingley, fonne of Henry Dingley, fonne of John Dingley; To which John and the heires males of his body kinge H. 8. 12°. ffebr̃: a°. 9°. r̃ni fui, by his Lr̃es patents of that date, gave the fame, togeather with the ffarmes capitall meffuages or little manors of Bainham and Pedington, which fee before fol: [71, 313]

And vpon the fales therof there mentioned made by the faid ffrancis Dingley, foe fcattered all his lands anciently to this meffuage belonginge, lyinge on that fide the parifh of **Berkeley**, that not above 12. acres of ground is now remaininge to this ancient meffuage called Wike Court, which is holden of the kinge in capite by knights fervice.

Of this fee before fol: 71. et fol: 313. |

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Woodford.

Woodford: It is one of the hamblets wherof the manor of Alkington confifteth: wherof fee before fol: 30.

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The Saxons our anceſtors endeavoured to faſhion their names of places after a certaine naturall force and reaſon taken from the ſcituacion of the place it ſelfe, moſt comonly, vt ſons, vt nemus, (as heere), vt campus placuit, as Tacitus faith of the old Germanes, whoſe ofſpringe wee are. This terminacõn endinge in (**ford**), manifeſtly declaringe the paſſage which heere is over the river, by the ſide of the wood heere called Michaelwood. |

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Woodmancote. 389

Woodmancote: Anciently written **Wodemancote**, is an ancient manor within the pariſh of Durſley holden of George lord Berkeley as of his manor of Berkeley, by halfe a knights fee and ſute to his hundred Court of **Berkeley** from 3. weekes to 3. weeks; And before the ſhatteringe therof by ſeverall ſales as followeth, extended into Woodmancote, Durſeley, Came, Nybley, Wotton, Stancombe, Goldeſwike, Dangervilſwike, and Slimbridge, as followeth amongſt the purchaſors therof,

The ſcituation of the Capitall meſſuage and manor houſe of this village or Townſhip of Woodmancote, aſſureth vs from whence the name is derived; As that it was the Cote or dwellinge houſe of the Wood-man or Woodward wholly almoſt incloſed with the woods of that manor, and of the manor of Durſeley lyinge togeather: As alſo did ſpacious woods of other manors to them alſo adioyninge.

For the old ancient owners of this Woodmancote, from the time of Wiłłm the Conqueror or before vntill the time of kinge H. 3. I referre you to what I have formerly written of Draiſies land, als Donyngs, in Nibley, fol: 286. And in that kings raigne it was the land of Otho als Otto, the ſonne of William; and of Wiłłm the ſonne of Otto; I ſuppoſe that two of that name ſucceeded one the other; And after of Thomas the ſonne of Otto, who dyinge in 2. E. 1. left it to Otto his ſonne, then but nyne yeares old, as an Inquiſicõn found after his death in that yeare ſheweth: ffrom whom it came to Robert de Swineburne, who dyinge in 19. E. 2. left the ſame to his ſonne Thomas de Swyneburne; And after it came to Margery Swyneburne, vpon whoſe death in 16. E. 3. controverſy aroſe about this Manor, And Warren fitz Warren (who dwelt where I nowe doe,) crept into the poſſeſſion therof, who after, with Thomas his brother and Katherine their ſiſter, in 25. E. 3. aforeſaid,

aforefaid, releafed all their intereft to another Robert de Swyneborne and his heires; ffrom whom by his Deed inrolled in the Court of Comon pleas the faid 25. E. 3. Rot. 2. it came to William de Cheltenham and William de Wefthall, and their heires, who beinge two fervants in the houfe of Thomas lord Berkeley the third of that name, accordinge to the Truft in them repofed, conveyed the fame to the Lady Katherine then the fecond wife of him the faid Lord Berkeley, and to Maurice their fonne (then very younge,) and to the heires males of his body, with divers other remainders over, As by the Deed in Berkeley caftle appeares: By which purchafe and entayle this manor came vnto and fetled in Sir John Berkeley, brother and heire male of the faid Maurice, for that the faid Maurice in his minority dyed without iffue; Which Sir John Berkeley, after the death of the faid lady Katherine who dyed in 9. R. 2, held this Manor and dyed feized therof to him and the heires males of his body in a° 6. H. 6. leavinge iffue Maurice Berkeley, father of Maurice
390 and | Edward: Which Maurice had iffue William; Which Wiłłm dyed without iffue male, And the faid Edward was his vncle and heire male by force of the forefaid entayle: which Edward had iffue Thomas and William: The faid Thomas had iffue John, who dyed without iffue male of his body, And the faid William was his vncle and heire male by force of the faid Entayle: Which Wiłłm dyed in 5. E. 6. leavinge iffue John Berkeley, who in Eafter terme a° 9no Eliz. fold this Manor of Woodmancote to Richard Lambert a marchant of London; By whofe death in 30. Eliz: it difcended to Winifride his daughter and heire, whofe mother was remaried to Sir Henry Winfton knight; And the faid Winifride was for this Manor in ward to Henry lord Berkeley, who dyinge in her minority without iffue, the fame difcended to her vncle Edmond Lambert (often written Edward,) brother of the faid Richard the purchafer: Which Edmond, after in his life time in the time of kinge James, And his feoffees in truft after his death, (who dyed in 7° Jacobi,) for the raifinge of portions of his daughters, foe fcattered almoft all his lands of this Manor by their feverall fales in temp: Jacobi p̄d̄, to perticuler men, That it is nowe, a° 1639. 15to R^{e} Caroli, the inheritance of theis 38. feverall ffreeholders; vz,

Of my felfe and of you my fonne, who hold

John Trotman of Came who holds the houfe called Naffe court wherein hee dwelleth, of whom and it fee before in Came, fol: 131.

Bromwich

Bromwich gent̃ who laſt of all others purchaſed of the ſaid feoffees what was leſt vnfold, As the Leet, Waſt grounds, and |

Edmond Parrott and Robert his brother, are nowe in ſute one with the other, 391
for 4. meſſuages a cotage and about 15. acres of land meadow and paſture and one acre of wood, which they clayme from Robert their father, who by deed dated 1mo Marcij. a° 7mo Jacobi, purchaſed the ſame of Edward Lambert, and of Richard Swaine and John Lambe Eſq̃s; which were parcell of this Manor of Woodmancote; As alſo were a meſſuage and 4. other acres of wood which the ſaid Robert the father demiſed to this Edmond for 1000. yeares.

The ffeoffees of the Maior and Cõminalty of the Citie of Briſtoll.

Robert Purnell of Nibley

Thomas Pitt

Chriſtopher Jobbins ſonne of Ambroſe Jobbins holdeth |

John Hardinge brother and heire of William, ſonnes of John, ſonne and heire 392
of Wiłłm Hardinge the elder, holdeth

which the ſaid Wiłłm the elder purchaſed.

Thomas Purnell of Milend in Nibley.

Samuell

Samuell Bridger

William Workman

Edmond Eſtcourt Eſq̃, |

393 Alexander Roach

Henry Ady the elder

Jeſper Eſtcourt of Rodborrowe genť, ſonne of Richard,

George Chilton

Thomas Watkins |

394 Nicholas Smyth

Richard

Richard Partridge of Cowley, holdeth one acre lyinge in which hee purchafed of Nicholas Smyth

James Adeane

Thomas Hore

John Tilladam

John Williams |

Richard Webbe 395

Nicholas Trotman, fonne of Edward Trotman of the Stepps in Came, holdeth

Thomas Merfer, fonne of Thomas,

John Trotman, fonne of William Trotman, called of Trollies houfe

John

John Purnell of Wike, ſonne and heire of Thomas Purnell of Nibley, who died in 20. Jacobi (as his office found the ſame yeare ſheweth,) ſeized of a cotage and 2. acres of arrable land, 4. acres of paſture, and one acre and an halfe of wood, in Northnibley, late parcell of the Manor of Woodmancote, and given to Chriſtopher his ſonne in fee, holden of the Manor of Berkeley by knight ſervice; And alſo of 3. other meſſuages, 3. acres and halfe of arrable, and 41. acres of paſture in Northnibley and Berkeley, parcell of the ſaid Manor of Woodmancote, and holden as aforeſaid, which diſcended to the ſaid John in fee, who was in ward for the ſame. |

396 Chriſtopher Purnell of Nibley

William Curnocke of Burrowes Court in Nibley

Robert Perrott, ſonne of Robert; See before vnder the name of Edmond Perrott [Parrott, fo. 391]

John Welſteed

Henry Ady the younger |

397 John Plomer

Thomas Parſloe of Eweley

Richard

Richard Merricke

Nicholas Plomer, ſonne of John.

Edward Lambert, ſonne and heire of the ſaid Edmond |

ffor the yeares of the ſeverall deathes of all thoſe remarkeable gent̃ of the 398
family of the **Berkeleys**, called of **Beverston**, from the firſt of their poſſeſſion of this Manor in 25. E. 3. vntill their alienacõn therof in 9no Eliz: See before in Beverſton, fol: 97. 98.

Duringe whiche terme of 216. yeares, the eſtate taile to the heires males continued, not diſcontinued or docked, vntill the foreſaid ſale to Richard Lambert in 9no Eliz: ffrom the firſt wife of which Thomas lord Berkeley is the ſaid George nowe lord Berkeley diſcended, And theis of the ſecond wife as aforeſaid, And as in Beverſton appeares, fol: p̃d.

But ſith this Manor is not named in the booke of Domeſday, either as a member of the Manor and Barony of Berkeley or as parcell of the ancient poſſeſſions of the **Berkeleys of Durſeley**, wherin all their lands in this county are ſet downe, as in the ſaid booke appeareth: nor in the Certificate of Roger Berkeley made to kinge H. 2. of the lands that hee and his Anceſtors held, which ſee in fol: 175. et 177. I cañot reſolve otherwiſe but that it was a freehold in the hand of one ancient Saxon or other, holden of the Lady Abbeſſe and Nunnes of Berkeley, vnles I ſhould ſay it is in Domeſday booke comprehended vnder the Manor of Came; wherof ſome Inquiſicõns finde it to bee holden, And an hamblet therof; wherto I doe encline.

Though the inhabitants in this Manor of Woodmancote claime to have a Leete Leete
or Lawe day amongſt themſelves, yet the Tithingman therof with ſome of this manor or Tithinge of Woodmancote appeare twice by the yeare at the Leete or Law

Law day holden at Berkeley for the hundred of **Berkeley,** and prefent, as to that Court appertaineth. |

399 ffifteene. **The** payment of the ffifteene or Kingfilver goeth with Ewley in one fome togeather. The onus or charge wherof in the Exchequ.r is—3li. 14s. 7d. The deduction is—10s. 8d. The Remanet paid into the Exchequer for both is 3li. 3s. 11d.

Subfedy. **In** the laft Subfedy in 5to Caroli were 10. fubfedy men in this townfhip of Woodmancote, who paid—3li. 16s.

Able men. **Of** able men for the warres betweene 20. and 60. yeares old, were in a° 6to Jacobi, 57. who appeared before Henry lord Berkeley lord Leiutenant.

Souldiers. **And** now of trayned Souldiers vnder their Captaine Thomas Veel Efquire, are , wherof corfletts and mufketts.

Rates. **And** if the whole divition of Berkeley, accompted a 4th pte of this County, bee in any tax rated to pay—100li. This hundred of **Berkeley** paies therof–33li. 3s. And this of Woodmancote—10s. And after that rate, bee the tax more or leffe.

In the time of kinge H. 6. arofe a queftion betweene the inhabitants of Woodmancote and fuch of the inhabitants of Nibley as are called Warrens Tenants, about payment of the ffifteene or Kingfilver, whether

Freeholds within the tithinge or townfhip of Woodmancote, vz,

Cliffords lands. **Heere** are divers lands and tenements called Cliffords lands fomtimes the lands of ffonte, in fome records and evidences called a Manor, holden of this Manor of Woodmancote, now the inheritance of certaine ffeoffees to the vfe of the Citie of Briftoll, who by their Atturney doe fute to the hundred Court of Berkeley from three weekes to 3. weekes, and pay the yearly rent of 4d. to the lord Berkeleis manor of Came. Touchinge which lands, fee an Inqu: after the death of Alexander Bradway in 19. H. 7. And another after the death of James Clifford in 37. H. 8. And another after the death of Henry Clifford in 1° Eliz: who left iffue James Clifford, who in Eliz: aliened the fame; And are mentioned therin to bee 8. meffuages

meſſuages and 192 acres of land, meadowe and paſture, in Woodmancote neere Durſeley, holden of that Manor by 17ˢ rent: And of divers other lands and tenements in Durſeley holden of Durſley manor. |

More of this Manor of Woodmancote is to bee read in theis Records and Deeds, viz, 400

Rot. Clauš. 18. Rꝰ Joħis. membr̃. 4.—ꝑ ſervic̃ mił.
Inqu: 2. E. 1. pᵗ mortem Thome filij Ottonis,—ꝑ ſervic̃ mił.
Inq: 3. E. 1. pᵗ mortē ꝑdci Thome.
Rot. finium. 9. E. 1. membr̃. 16.—per ſervic̃ mił.
Inq: 19. E. 2. pᵗ mortē Roƀti de Swinburne.—ꝑ ſervic̃ mił.
Rot. finium. 19. E. 2. membr̃. 6.—per ſervic̃ mił.
Comp̃us Hampton Eſcaetor̃ in baga in ſc̃io. 20. E. 2.—mił ſerviciū.
Inq: 16. et 17. E. 3. pᵗ mortē Margerie de Swinburne, ad requiſic̃oem Warini fił Warini.—per ſervic̃ mił.
Rot. finium. 15. E. 3. membr̃. 2. per ſervic̃ mił.
Rot. pateñ. 16. E. 3. ꝑs. 1. in dorſo.
Rot. Clauš. 23. E. 3. ꝑs. 1. membr̃. 24. in dorſo.
Carta 25. E. 3. in caſtro de Berkeley.
Carta 25. E. 3. Rot. 2. in cõi banco, Term̃ Triñ.
Inqu: 37. E. 3. de feodis de Berkeley in ſc̃io.—per ſervic̃ mił.
Inq: 6. H. 6. pᵗ mortē Joħis de Berkeley.
Inq: 38. H. 6. pᵗ mortē Mauricij Berkeley.
Inq: 14. E. 4. pᵗ mortē Mauricij Berkeley.
Inq: 7. H. 7. pᵗ mortem Wiłłi Berkeley.
Micħas Rec̃. 7. H. 7. Rot. 34. in ſc̃io c̃m Rem̃ Theſaur̃.
Paſcħ: rec̃. 16. H. 7. Rot. 9. iƀm.
Inq: 21. H. 7. pᵗ mortē Edw: Berkeley.
Inq: 1. H. 8. pᵗ mortē Alicie Berkeley vid̃.
4. cartæ irrot̃ in cõi banco Term̃ Micħis 30. H. 8. inter Bowſer et Davis.
Inq: 6. E. 6. pᵗ mortē Wiłłi Berkeley.
Inq: 30. Eliz: ꝑs. 2. pᵗ mortē Ric̃i Lambert.
Inq: 15. Jacobi pᵗ mortē Roƀti Purnell de Nibley.
ffinis in banco Term̃ Micħis, 8° Jacobi, inter Bolton et Lambert, &c.
Inq: 20. Jacobi, pᵗ mortē Thome Purnell.—per ſervic̃ mił.
Inqu: 7. Caroli, pᵗ mortem ꝑdc̃i Thome. per ſervic̃ mił.
Booke of Wardſhips and Releefes, fol: 4. 23. 32. with mee.

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The 2. Indentures of Lamberts and Mercers wardſhips, 31°. Eliz : et 10°. Caroli.

Court roll of Came, 7°. Jacobi, p: mortē Edm : Lambert — per ſerviciū militare.

Inq : 16. Cař. p: mortē Willi Curnocke—per ſervič mil.

Inq : 17. Cař. p: mortē Joħis Smyth authoris huius libri—p ſervič mil.

Inq : 17. Cař. ſup Mel : inquirend p: mortē Joħis Purnell—p ſervič mil.

By Inquiſicōn 6. H. 6. p: mortem Joħis Berkeley militis, Nibley is found to bee an hamblet belonginge to this Manor of Woodmancote, holden of James lord Berkeley as of his Manor of Came, but by what ſervice the Jury knewe not. |

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Wotton.

Wotton : In Domeſdei booke written Vittune : And in the next age after written Wittune : And in the time of kinge John, Wttoñ, without (o) in the firſt ſillable : An ancient pariſh and manor, nowe, as alſo longe agone, diſtinguiſhed into the Townſhips or hambletts of Wotton burrowe, als Wotton intrinſeca, als Wotton market towne ; and into Wotton fforren, or Wotton forinſeca ; conſiſtinge of the hamblets or villages of Sinwell, Wortley, Combe, Bradley, Nibley, and Huntingford. In this manor of Wotton, kinge Edward the Confeſſor had, as domeſdei booke ſheweth, ffifteene hides of land in demeſne : And is nowe the inheritance of George lord Berkeley, holden of the kinge by knight ſervice in capite ; A principall part of his Barony of Berkeley.

This Manor and pariſh of Wotton was by kinge H. 2. in the firſt yeare of his raigne granted (amongſt many others) to Robert the ſonne of Hardinge, a yonger ſonne to the kinge of Denmarke, and his heires : By which grant alſo the ſaid Robert was made a Baron and Peere of the Realme of England : ffrom which lord Robert, who dyed in 17. H. 2, it came to the lord Maurice his ſonne and heire, who died in 1. R. 1. And from him to the lord Robert his ſonne and heire, who dyinge without iſſue in 4. H. 3. left it to the lord Thomas his brother and heire, who dyinge in 28. H. 3. it diſcended from him to the lord Maurice his ſonne and heire, called Maurice the ſecond.

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Wotton market and ffaire.

This is that lord Maurice who in 36. H. 3. obtained a grant to him and his heires from that kinge to have a market each friday at Wotton, And a faire each yeare to bee there holden, vpon the Even the day and the morrowe of the exaltacõn of holy croffe, with all liberties and free cuftomes which to a market and faire doe appertaine : And for the holdinge therof did out of his faid Manor of Wotton, which (as is abovefaid) then confifted of the hambletts of Synwell, Wortley, Combe, Wotton, Bradley, Nybley, and Huntingford, felect the faid hamblet of Wotton wherof the whole parifh and manor had the name ; And this is it which at this day wee call the Burrowe towne, or Burrowe of Wotton, or the market towne of Wotton ; or the Newe towne of Wotton ; which alfo in divers deeds after was called novus burgus, the newe towne of Wotton ; All which doe foe continue to this day, 1639.

And this alfo is that lord Maurice who vpon his marriage with the lady Ifable that kings neece, was fuppofed to have entayled in this time of kinge H. 3. his five manors of Wotton, Simondfall, Cowley, Came, and Hineton, to himfelfe and his faid wife, and to the heires of their two bodies ; wherby vpon a fuppofed remitter in Maurice his great-great-grandchilde, (whofe father the lord Thomas in 23. E. 3. had entayled the fame Manors, with others, to himfelfe, and the heires males of his body, whereof read before fol : [7. 77. 78,]) arofe that great and longe perplexed title, which before it was fetled continued above 150 yeares, wherof to write I forbeare in this place, | havinge in my three hiftory bookes of that family of the 404
Berkeleis blotted more then 20. fheetes of paper with the laborinthes and toiles therof, therin delivered in perticuler.

The forefaid Lord Maurice by the faid lady Ifable his wife had iffue Thomas, father of Maurice, father of Thomas, father of Maurice, father of Thomas and James ; which Thomas in 5. H. 5. died without iffue male of his body ; And the faid James had iffue James, who had iffue William, created Marques Berkeley, and Maurice, (of others I fpeake not in this place,) which William dyed without iffue ; And the faid Maurice had iffue Maurice and Thomas, which Maurice died without iffue ; And the faid Thomas had iffue Thomas, father of Henry, father of Thomas, father of the faid George nowe lord Berkeley. 1639. Of which difcent, with the yeare wherin each of them dyed, See before fol : 7. et 77. 78.

Beckettf-bury.

In one of the woods in this parifh in the hamblet of Nybley, vpon the browe of a fteepe hill, is an ancient fortification of a Campe, with double trenches broad and

and deepe, called at this day Beckettſ-bury: but whether caſt vp in the time of kinge H. 2. in ayd or favour of Thomas Beckett Archbiſhop of Canterbury who fell vnder that kinge, as the name of Beckettſbury ſeemeth to import, or before in the times of the Danes invations, I know not; wherof read before, fol: 72.

Streetes. The Burrowe or market towne containeth about 60. acres; And conſiſteth of theis ſtreetes and remarkeable places, vz, High ſtreete, Sow lane, the Chepinge or markett place, Chepinge lane, Bradley ſtreete, Haw ſtreete, Church lane, Sym lane, and

Conduit. In the yeare of our redemption. 1630. nyne yeares now paſt, at the charges of Sir Richard ffenne and Hugh Perry his ſonne in lawe, two worthy Aldermen of London, both of them borne in this Towne, was the ſpringe of water brought vnder ground from the place called the Conduct in Edbroke feild vnto the market croſſe in Wotton, where a conduct by them was beautifully erected to the great benefit of the inhabitants, with this Inſcription ingraven theron; This Conduite was erected and the water brought into this place at the proper coſts and charges of Richard ffenn ats Ven, Alderman of London, and Hugh Perry of London, Eſq, who were both borne in this Towne:—Thus the inſcription: ffrom which the waſt and ſpare water is ſince derived vnder ground to ſome houſes belowe in the ſame ſtreete.

Almeſhouſe. The ſaid Hugh Perry by his laſt will dated [20th April, 1630] tooke care for the erectinge of an Almeſhouſe, in this towne, and for the maintaininge of [ſix poore men and ſix poore weomen. Teſtator ſtates that he was born in the town of Wotton under Edge, and directs that the mayor of that town, and his brethren and their ſucceſſors ſhall "diſburſe yearly for ever £8 for apparailling, with gowns, ſhoes, ſtockings, ſhirts, and ſmockes" as far as the ſaid money would go, the ſaid ſix poore old men and ſix poor old women that now are, and hereafter ſhall be, remaining in the Almſhouſe at the ſaid town, which I have willed to be built, in equal portions upon the feaſt day of All Saints commonly called Allhallowday, and £5 more for wood and coals to be equally diſtributed among the ſaid poor Almsfolk at the aforeſaid feaſt; and each of the ſaid poor Almsfolk to have 20 ſhillings a piece in money at the four the moſt ufual feaſts in the year by even portions yearly for ever.

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He alſo bequeaths to the Mayor and his brethren the ſum of £300, therewith in the names of themſelves and their ſucceſſors, and of the Parſon and Churchwardens of Wotton for the time being, as feoffees in truſt, to purchaſe a convenient plot of ground near the church, and to build a convenient houſe thereupon for the ſix poor men and the ſix poor women laying a garden thereunto with other conveniences.[1]]

The ſcituation, aſwell of this Burrowe or market towne of Wotton as of the 405
pariſh church, vnder the edge or browe of the great hills adioyninge, hath doubtleſſe given in the name of Wotton ſubedge, or Wotton vnderedge, as alwaies almoſt of late yeares it hath byn called and written: A ſpatious pariſh, that beſides the hamblets formerly mentioned, comprehendeth the hambletts alſo of Simondſall, the Ridge, and Nynd.

Church.

The Church is faire and beautifull, dedicated to the protection of the bleſſed virgin Mary, eſteemed the tutelary ſaint therof: wherin the bodies of Thomas lord Berkeley the 4th lord of that name, who died in 5to H. 5, and of the Lady Margaret his wife daughter and heire of Gerard Waren Lord Liſle and Tieis, (who died before her huſband,) lye vnder a faire marble ſquare tombe, wherin noe tres of any ſuperſcription have for many yeares paſt beene to bee read.

Leete or Lawday.

This Burrowe or market towne of Wotton hath a Leete or Lawday belonginge vnto it of all the Reſiants within the ſame, wherin conſiſteth the goverment; Taken out of the great Leet of the hundred of Berkeley in 37. H. 3. (a courſe in thoſe old dayes vſuall with great lords, both in this hundred and elſwhere in this and other Counties,) what time the faires and marketts were firſt obtained from that kinge: which yeare alſo, Maurice lord Berkeley, the ſecond of that name and the Lady Jone his mother, (who then held this manor in Joincture,) granted by Deed to the ſaid Inhabitants to have ſuch liberties vſages and cuſtomes in ſuch ſort as was then vſed in Tetbury, (a Market and Burrow towne ſix miles of,) which alſo was confirmed by Thomas lord Berkeley the ſecond of that name in 10. E. 1. two yeares after the death of the ſaid lord Maurice his father: And in 1. E. 3. the Jury had leave at the Leet or Lawday holden at Michaelmas yearly, to chooſe one out of
their number of Burgeſſes to bee the | ſupreame governor amongſt them till that 406
time

[1] The will is a very long one, and contains a great deal more reſpecting this Almſhouſe, but we have extracted as much as ſeemed neceſſary to ſupply the information wanting in the text. It was proved in the Probate Court of Canterbury, with a Codicil, dated 25th July, 1634, on the 23rd December following. (108 Seager.) [Ed.]

time twelve month, and till his Succeſſor ſhould bee ſworne, And to call him a Maior; which courſe holdeth to this day, 1639: whoſe cuſtome alſo is, (the ſelfe ſame is vſed in Berkeley, as is ſaid before fol: 77,) And as is vſed in Tetbury, well alſo knowne to mee, having likewiſe byn Steward there full 40. yeares; (Of which townſhip I have alſo wrote the hiſtory from the Norman conqueſt to theis daies;) That at the Leete holden next after Michas day, the Jury, who for that Leete are impanelled and ſworne, doe preſent in writinge three names to the Steward for their Maior for the yeare next followinge, vz, their old Maior and two others; Of which three the Steward choofeth one, whom hee pleaſeth, either the old Maior to ſerve againe for another yeare, or which of the other two hee will: Which done, the newe elected Maior is called and ſworne: The old Maior then riſeth, leavinge his ſilver guilt Mace before him vpon the table where hee ſate with the Steward, And then cometh the newe Maior and ſitteth downe in the old Maiors place, And there choofeth one of thoſe two to bee his ſerieant for the yeare followinge, whom the ſaid Jury have likewiſe ſet downe in their ſaid preſentment, who is preſently alſo ſworne; And then the ſaid Serieant, (called in the Court rolls ſerviens ad clavem,) the court beinge ended, taketh vp the Mace and goeth before the newe Maior home to his houſe, whom all the other Burgeſſes attend. And the ſaid Serieant by the ancient cuſtome of the ſaid burrowe towne is bound to gather the Lords rents and profits of the ſaid Burrowe for that yeare then following, and to accompt for the ſame without fee or recompence from the Lord for the ſame: which if hee faile to doe, and eſpetially to pay and make even his Accompt before the Lords Auditor, the Maior is anſwerable for the ſame; Againſt whom (in Berkeley,) I have twice in my time of Stewardſhip knowne an Accon of Accompt to bee brought, and the Maior there to have thervpon ſatisfied what was vnpaid, either quarterly or at the yeares end, eſpecially vpon his accompt before the Lords Auditor; And alwaies about a weeke after the election of the newe Maior, hee holdeth a Maiors Court, (vſed eſpecially and conſtantly in Berkeley burrowe,) where the Accompt is taken of the receipts and payments of the ſaid Maior for the yeare paſt, And ſuch newe ordinances eſtabliſhed for the yeare followinge as they agree vpon for the better government of the towne.

At the Leet for this burrowe towne holden at Michas 1639. A° 15. R° Caroli (as I was in reveiwe and in writinge of this towne,) the Jury preſented the 3. names of Willm Younge their old Maior, and of Richard Poole and John Leigh, for mee (then preſent) to make choice of one of them for the yeare then and yet followinge, what time Richard Poole whom I firſt made choice of, refuſed, and thervpon vnder-

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went the fyne of–10li. which I impofed: Alfo John Leigh whom I next made choice of, refufed alfo, and vnderwent the ffyne of—6li. 13s. 4d., Neither of whom, had formerly borne any office in the burrowe: And vpon queftion that was thervpon moved, the Jury did vnanimoufly prefent, That by the cuftome of | the Burrowe 407
they might nominate and returne for the office of Maior any inhabitant that had dwelled a yeare and a day in the towne, although hee had not formerly borne any other office, as indeed neither of them two had done; And to confirme the fame vouched one or more prefidents and a former prefentment heertofore made at a former Leete; And prefented further, That if the two named with the old Maior refufed, and did vndergoe their fynes (as nowe), That then the old Maior muft continue, and they of the Jury not to name or prefent any other. And thervpon the old Maior, after longe refufall, was content to ferve the office, efpecially when hee was remembred of his firft oath, vz, To ferve the kinge and the lord of the burrowe for the yeare then followinge, and vntill another fhould bee fworne; And then, after a newe oath given vnto him for the yeare followinge, made choice of a newe Serieant, who alfo was fworne. And for this manner of their proceedinge in each refpect, vouched two late prefidents in Berkeley burrowe, which my felfe knewe to bee true. It was at this time alfo queftioned, That if the Maior fhould have finally refufed, what then fhould have become of the office of Maioralty.

And further it was moved, That wheras one John Smith a fhoemaker died not 2. yeares before whileft hee was Maior, That if all thofe 3. men (prefented for choice of Maior at Michas Leete followinge,) fhould have refufed, as they might, and have vndergone their fynes, (noe oath formerly taken tyinge any one of them,) what then fhould have become of the office? If then, perforce to a newe election? A difference alfo was taken betweene the Act of God, in the death of a Maior, as before, And the Act of the party, as vpon a refufall; Which are heere in this place remembred for direction to them that fhall come after.

In the vtmoft fkirt of this Burrowe or market towne, or rather in Synwell (as fome will,) one of the hamblets of the manor called Wotton fforren, (which in this place doe adioyne,) ftandeth a free grammer fchoole, founded in 8o. R. 2. by Katherine Lady Berkeley, the fecond wife and widowe of Thomas lord Berkeley the third of that name; of whofe further piety I have before written in Berkeley, fol: 77: endowinge it with competent poffeffions for maintenance of a mafter and two poore fchollers to live collegiately togeather. And in the ordinances and ftatutes for regulatinge of the faid fchoole, the faid Lady and her feoffees ordained (amongft other Wotton fchoole.

other things) that the ſchoolmaſter ſhould daily pray in the church of Wotton for
408 the ſoules of her ſelfe | her father mother huſband and of others; wherby through the Statute of 1. E. 6. for diſſolucõn of Chantries, this was ſuppoſed to come to the Crowne; whervpon divers patents were in the raigne of Queene Eliz: and of kinge James, paſſed of the Schoolhouſe and lands, as concealed; wherby much trouble and expence was occationed: which ſoe continued till by the ſole purſuite of my ſelfe, tenant to ſuch part of the ſchoolhouſe lands as lye in Nibley, with my expence of— 700li. at leaſt, as is knowne to you, the ſame was quieted by a Decree in Chancery in the end of kinge James his raigne; And the ſchoole of newe encorporated, with ordinances and Statutes for the regulatinge therof fittinge the preſent time and the doctrine of the Church of England; In which condition it flouriſheth at this day, 1639: wherof I doe here write the leſſe, referringe him that deſireth more to the Records themſelves, And to a ſentence given in the Starchamber in the time of kinge Charles, againſt one Beniamin Crokey, almoſt ever ſince a ruñigate in Ireland, in avoidance of the ſhame and puñiſhment which was by the ſentence of that Court to have byn inflicted vpon him for his wicked libleinge and falſhoods; And lately taken at Briſtoll vpon his returne from Ireland, at this time a priſoner in the fleete at my ſuite, as both of you doe knowe. October. 1639.

Of the Advowſon or ius patronatus of which ſchoole, a ſyne was levied in Eaſter Terme A°. 3°. Eliz: betweene Martin Petit and others pts., and Henry lord Berkeley and others, defts.

By an Inquiſicõn after the death of Sir John Berkeley knight, in 6. H. 6. it is found, that hee dyed ſeized in fee of the advowſon of the Chantry and Schoolhouſe of Wotton ſubedge, que nihil valet per añū: And that Maurice Berkeley knight was his ſonne and heire. 30. annoꝫ. |

409 Freeholds in this Burrowe or Market towne of Wotton, aſwell ancient as of late granted in fee farme, and as lye adioyninge to the towne, granted in the ſame deeds with the Towne houſes; vz,

Oſbornes land. In this market towne of Wotton Henry lord Berkeley by his Deed the 13th. of November A°. 8°. Jacobi Rꝗ, granted to Walter Oſborne and his heires, One meſſuage or burgage houſe, orchard, garden, and barne adioyninge, To hold vnder the yearly rent of 17s. 8d. And alſo three other burgages vnder one roofe in High ſtreete, and 3. gardens adioyninge, To hold vnder the yearly rent of—19s. And alſo

3. acres

3. acres of paſture ground adioyning̃ to the ſaid meſſuage and garden, And alſo 2. acres in the feild called the Middle, in Sinwell, vnder the yearly rent of—12ˢ with ſute of Court, or 4ᵈ for every default, to the burrow of Wotton. Howbeit the tenure is of the kinge by knight ſervice in capite, beinge part of the ſaid Lords burrowe and manor of Wotton, and held by copy of Court roll, vntill they were ſevered by the ſaid grant: And is nowe the inheritance of Wiłłm Oſborne, ſonne of Thomas Oſborne, ſonne and heire of the ſaid Walter, A° 1639. Howbeit, the ſaid Walter the grantee made a Leaſe of the ſame to Walter his younger ſonne, for ſowerſcore and nyneteene yeares, who hath ſince aſſigned the ſame to Richard Huet, Ralph Willett, Wiłłm Leigh, g̃ent. and |

Also the ſaid Henry lord Berkeley by his deed dated. 1° Decembr̃. a° 9ⁿᵒ Rꝭ Jacobi, granted to Robert Dawe and his heires, One burgage in High ſtreete in Wotton, vnder the yearly rent of—6ˢ payable quarterly, and ſute of Court, or—4ᵈ for every default. Howbeit, the tenure is by knight ſervice in capite of the kinge, and was held by Copy of Court roll accordinge to the cuſtome of the ſaid Burrowe, till ſevered by the ſaid Deed; And is yet held by the ſaid Robert, who hath lately brought downe part of the waſt water from the foreſaid conduite to the doore of the ſaid Burgage, where it falleth into a ſtone ciſterne. 410 Dawes land.

Also the ſaid Henry lord Berkeley by his Deed dated 13. Nov. a° 8° Rꝭ Jacobi, granted to Thomas Hunter als Perry and to his heires, Two burgage houſes with two ſmall gardens and one orchard adioyninge containinge one Rood, in the old towne, vnder the yearly rent of–3ˢ 4ᵈ And alſo one acre in the feild called Edbrooke, vnder the gravell pitts, in the manor of Wotton fforren, vnder the yearly rent of —8ᵈ and ſute of Court to Wotton burrowe, as other cuſtomary tenants doe, or 4ᵈ for every default. Howbeit the tenure is of the kinge by knight ſervice in Capite, beinge part of the ſaid lords manors of Wotton burrowe and Wotton fforren, as aforeſaid, before the ſaid grant, which are ſoe holden; By the death of which Thomas Perry 22° Decembr̃ a° 14° Rꝭ Caroli, the ſame are given by his will vnto Samuell Perry and his heires, beinge his eldeſt ſonne by a ſecond venter. Hunter als Perryes lands.

By Inquiſic̃on taken at Cirenceſter 12° Julij. 15° Caroli, where this Will and guift is found, but as to the tenure, de quo vel de quibus vel per quæ ſervicia Juratores ignorant.

Also the ſaid Henry Lord Berkeley by his Deed dated 20° Aug̃: A° 9ⁿᵒ Rꝭ Jacobi, granted to Robert Smyth and to his heires, one meſſuage or burgage in the highſtreete, Smithes land.

highſtreete, with a ſtable, orchard, and garden ground therto adioyninge, And alſo one other meſſuage or burgage with a garden ground and barne in Bradly ſtreete, And alſo one cloſe of paſture at the vpper end of Bradley ſtreete, called little Wadſam, containinge halfe a Rood, vnder the yearly rent of—13^{s}. 8^{d}, and ſute of court to Wotton burrowe, as other cuſtomary tenants doe, or 4^{d} for every default; Howbeit the tenure is of the kinge by knight ſervice in Capite, being part of the ſaid Lords manor of Wotton burrowe before the ſaid grant, which is ſoe holden: By the death of which Robert Smyth in a^{o}. 13° R℘ Caroli, the ſame are |

411 Vens land a†s ffenns in Wotton and Sinwell.

Also the ſaid Henry lord Berkeley by his Deed dated 12° Aug: a^{o}. 9no R℘ Jacobi, granted to William Ven of Wotton, one Toſt, meſſuage, and tenement, barne and outhouſes, and a paſture or meadowe ground called Court meadowe, divided into three cloſes, containinge in the whole 20. acres, in Synwell: And 4. acres and 3. quarters of an acre in ſundry feilds in Wotton fforren, vz, 2. acres in Edbrooke, and one acre in the feild called the Midle, and one other acre in the feild called Mare haven; vnder the yearly rent of—3^{li}. 16^{s}. And 2^{s} payable to Wotton fforren.

And alſo further granted to him a meſſuage burgage or tenem^{t}, with a ſtable, garden, and orchard, in Hawe ſtreete within the burrowe towne; vnder the yearly rent of—10^{s}.

And alſo further granted a meſſuage burgage or tenem^{t} in Highſtreete in Wotton towne, neere to Sym lane, under the yearly rent of—10^{s}. 1^{d}. And for heriot to bee paid after the deceaſe of every one dyinge tenant to the premiſſes or to any part therof, the ſom̄e of—3^{li}. 6^{s}. 8^{d}. And ſute of court to the Manors of Wotton fforren and Wotton Burrowe as cuſtomary tenants there doe, or 4^{d} for every default. Howbeit, the tenure is of the kinge by knight ſervice in Capite, beinge part of the ſaid Manors before the ſaid grant, which are ſoe holden.

After the death of which William Ven the ſame diſcended to John Ven his ſonne and heire, who dyed the kings ward of theis lands, then in his minority: wherby the ſame diſcended to William his brother and heire, who alſo died in his minority, and the kings ward; wherby the ſame diſcended to his brother and heire Richard, who nowe holdeth the ſame, A^{o}. 1639. |

Also

412 Pooles land late Braches. before, Adams. nowe Pooles. Wilkens. Heſkens. Oldiſworthes.

Alſo the ſaid Henry lord Berkeley by his Deed dated 30° Maij A° 9no Jacobi, 1611. granted to Thomas Adams and his heires One Meſſuage or Comon Inne in the High ſtreete in Wotton, then the ſigne of the goate, nowe of the White Lyon, with the garden and outhouſes therto belonginge, then held by him by copy of Court roll according to the Cuſtome of the ſaid burrowe, at the yearly rent of--6^s^ 8^d^

And alſo by the ſame Deed granted one acre neere vnto Bourn ſtreame 7^d^ and alſo one other acre in Bournfeild, and one other acre in the feild called Edbrooke knowne by the name of freindleſſe acre, 6^d^ held likewiſe by copy, at the yearly rent of—13^d^

And alſo further granted by his ſaid Deed one other burgage houſe with the appurtenants, then in the tenure of Robert Hickes in right of Margaret his wife, held by copy of Court roll accordinge to the Cuſtome of the ſaid burrowe towne, vnder the yearly rent of–13^s^ 4^d^. All payable quarterly : And alſo 13^s^ 4^d^ in name of an heriot, after the death of every tenant dyinge in poſſeſſion of any part of the ſaid burgages, or lands : And ſute of Court as other Cuſtomary tenants doe performe, or 4^d^ for every default. Howbeit the tenure is of the kinge by knight ſervice in capite.

Of which premiſſes none at all remaine to the poſterity of the ſaid Thomas Adams : ffor Richard Poole of Wortley hath the Comon Inne, which hee purchaſed of Brach of London, And hee of Thomas Adams ; And paies the ſaid rent of—6^s^ 8^d^

And Eliz : lady Longe, firſt maried to Edward Oldiſworth ſonne and heire of Arnold Oldiſworth, late of Bradley, who have iſſue Robert Oldiſworth, (ſhee after remaried to Sir Walter Longe lately deceaſed,) who hath the ſaid acre by Bournſtreame, and the acre in Bournfeild. rent 7^d^ Which the ſaid Arnold had of the ſaid Adams.

And Nicholas Heskins hath the fee of the acre called freindleſſe acre, from Robert Smith, whoſe daughter hee maried, And hee of the ſaid Adams. rent. 6^d^

And John Wilkens of Nibley hath the fee of the burgage houſe with the appurtenants, late in the tenure of the ſaid Robert Hickes in right of Margaret his wife. rent—13^s^ 4^d^ which hee purchaſed of |

Alſo

413 Daunts lands. **Also** in this burrowe or market towne are divers houſes and lands the old inheritance of the Daunts, whoſe firſt anceſtor in this place which I have obſerved was Thomas Daunt who held the ſame in the raigne of kinge E. 2. After whom was Nicholas, father of John and Nicholas: Afterwards of John Daunt; and after of Simon Daunt, and John his ſonne: And after of John Daunt, who lived in the time of kinge H. 7. and after of John Daunt, and others, beinge for moſt part yonger brothers: which ſaid John Daunt ſonne of Nicholas, by his maryage with Margery daughter and heire of Robert de Owlepen, brought into his family that land, as there appeares, fol: 309, 310, whoſe iſſue hold the ſame and alſo this land in Wotton, to this day, A°. 1639. where their later diſcents are to bee read: ſtiled by the name of gentlemen from the foreſaid time of my firſt obſervation of them, As very many deeds and Leaſes made by them to others, and by others to them, doe witneſſe. Of theis their lands a fyne was levied in Micħas terme 21. H. 6, Inter Nicħum Daunt, de teñtis in burgo de Wotton, Wotton fforren, et in Bradley.

Stantons land in Sinwell nowe Webbs. **Also** the ſaid Henry lord Berkeley by his Deed dated 1mo. Julij A°. 9no. Rꝭ Jacobi, granted to John Stanton Clerke and to his heires, A meſſuage and halfe an acre, (the ſcite place of the ancient manor houſe) with the pigeon houſe and porters lodge, and three cottages adioyninge, and three acres parcell of the court orchard, all lyinge togeather in Synwell, within the Manor of Wotton fforren, reſervinge the yearly rent of—13s. And—20s. in the name of an heriot, after the deceaſe of every one dyinge tenant to the premiſſes, or to any part therof; And ſute of Court twice by the yeare, or 2d. for every default. Howbeit the tenure heerof, is of the kinge by knight ſervice in Capite, beinge part of the ſaid Lords Manor of Wotton before the ſaid grant, which is ſoe holden. And this is nowe, A°. 1639. the inheritance of Robert Webbe, wherin hee dwelleth; who in 21°. Jacobi, purchaſed the ſame of John Stanton ſonne and heire of the ſaid John Stanton clerke, who dyed the yeare before, As an Inquiſiciõn then found the yeare hee dyed, doth ſhewe. |

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415 ffifteene. **The** payment of Kingſilver. or ffifteene when it is granted by Parliament, in this burrowe or market towne, is—4li. oƀ. without any deduction: And in the manor of Wotton fforren—13li. 11s. 4d. without any deduction.

Subſedy. **In** the laſt Subſedy in a°. 5to. Rꝭ Caroli were 18. ſubſedy men in this burrowe or market towne, who paid to the kinge—8li. 8s.

Able men. **Of** able men for the warre betweene 20. and 60. yeares old in anno 6to. Rꝭ Jacobi, which at a generall muſter appeared before Henry lord Berkeley, then Lieutenant of the County, were—146.

Of

Of trayned Souldiers vnder Thomas Veel Efq̃, their Captaine, are vz, Corſletts, and muſketts. Souldiers.

And of Subſedy men in a°. 5to. R^e Caroli, were in the Manor of Wotton fforren, —40, vz, in Nibley—18. who paid—7^li. 6^s.; In Combe—7. who paid—3^li. 4^s.; In Wortley—6. who paid—3^li. 4^s.; In Synwell with Bradley—7. who paid—52^s. 8^d.; And in Huntingford—2. who paid—14^s. 8^d. Subſedy men in Wotton fforren.

If the whole Divition of Berkeley accompted a 4th. part of the County of Glouc̃, bee in any tax for kinge or Com̃on wealth rated at—100^li. Then this hundred of Berkeley paies therof—33^li. 3^s. And this Burrowe towne of Wotton—8^s., Synwell with Bradley—15^s., Wortley—15^s., Nybley—25^s., Combe— , And Huntingford—5^s., as before in fol: 239. Rates or Taxes.

In this wholl pariſh of Wotton in a°. 6to. Jacobi p̃d̃, were of able men fit for the warres betweene 20. and 60. yeares old, who appeared at a generall muſter—428. vz, In the burrowe towne of Wotton—146, vt ſupra: In Synwell and Bradley—71. In Wortley—43. In Nybley—126. In Simondſall and Combe.—38. And in Huntingford—4. Able men in Wotton pariſh.

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Wortley. 419

Wortley: This is one of the hamblets or little villages that makes, or lately did make, the manor of Wotton fforren, and is within the pariſh of Wotton, holden of the kinge by knight ſervice in Capite.

George Lord Berkeley and the lady Eliz: his mother, by their Deed inrolled in Chancery dated, 28°. Novembr̃. A°. 7°. R^e Caroli, ſold this hamblet or village for 1500^li. to Richard Poole gent̃ and his heires, by the name of a Manor, naminge in whoſe poſſeſſion each parcell was: Of which ſeverance I leave this proteſtation behinde, that I was, and ſpake, more againſt it to the ſaid Lady, (ſhee then, when ſhee contracted, abidinge at the Lodge in Whitcliffe parke, and my Lord her ſonne in ffrance,) then was fittinge in com̃on diſcretion to have done, even to the angringe of her ſelfe towards mee, vſinge more reaſons to have diſſwaded her, then this leafe of paper would containe; But vnder the maſke of raiſinge of monies to pay my

my lord her ſonnes debts, (which to doe ſhee had his eſtate then by his Conveyance in her hands,) ſhee vayled her owne ends; And partly to leave a banke for Mr George Berkeley her grandchilde, that lords ſecond ſonne, (ſhee then entendinge him her Executor, which ſhee after by her Will performed,) And partly to put out at intereſt for her owne better maintenance, which with marvailous privacy to ſeverall ſcryveners, each vnknowne to other in their imployments, ſhee did; And partly to give, and to have by her will to give, to kindred, freinds, and ſervants; Shee drewe by ſale of this hamblet and of other lands and by making of Leaſes and Copies to his Lo^ps tenants, the greater part of—1 1000^li., never by her accompted for, or knowne to her ſonne till after her death, that by my ſpeciall meanes it appeared; from whom her care was to conceale all ſhee could in this kinde, eſpetially after I had ſoe earneſtly diſſwaded this, and ſome other the like; I then knowinge how ſhee entended to 2. woemen her kinſwoemen—3000^li., which after ſhee performed, to one of them in her health And to the other in her laſt ſicknes with all the ſecrecy ſhee could.

Chantry. In 20. E. 3. Thomas lord Berkeley founded a Chantry in this hamblet of Wortley, and endowed it with a meſſuage and one yard land and 50^s. rent p añū in Wotton for a Chaplein and his ſucceſſors, Divina ſingulis diebus celebratura in Capella de Wortley, licenſed by the kinge and confirmed by the Biſhop of the Dioceſſe, then of Worceſter, Dedicated to the honour ſervice and protection of S^t. John Baptiſt.

If you deſire to read more of this Chantry, I referre you to what I have written in the life of the ſaid lord Thomas, called Thomas the third, vnder the title of his Almes and devotions, in the ſecond volume of my hiſtory of the lives of this Berkeleian family: And to the Inquiſicon found in 5. H. 5. after the death of |
420 another Thomas lord Berkeley; And to the Inquiſicon found in 7. E. 4. after the death of Margaret Counteſſe of Shroewſbury, grandchilde of the ſaid Lord. And ſomwhat heerof before in Ouſelworth, fol: 305. 306.

Souldiers Of Trayned Souldiers vnder Thomas Veel Eſq^r theire captaine, nowe are |

The

The perſons charged to finde horſes for the trayned band vnder Sir Gabriell Lowe knight, the Captaine, in Anno 1626, in this Hundred, were theis, vz, 421

Curaſsiers,

Sir William Hickes of Beverſton, knight.
Thomas Cheſter of Almondſbury, Eſq̃.
William Baſſet of Ewley, Eſq̃.

Dragoones.

Sir John Bridgeman of Nimesfeild, knight.
John Smyth of Nibley, Eſq̃.
Thomas Yate of Arlingham, Eſq̃.
Thomas Bicke of the ſame, genť.

John Trotman of Came geñ
Thomas Tyndall of Stinchcombe g̃ } betweene them.

ffortune Came of Wike, widowe
Thomas Came, her ſonne } betweene them.

John Trotman of Stinchcombe, geñ
Humphry Browne of Elberton, geñ.
John Browninge of Cowley, geñ.
Thomas Walter of Horfeild, geñ.
Edward Greene, Viccar of Berkeley, Clerke.

Lawrance Bridger, parſon of Slimbridge, clerke,
Wiłłm Hopton of Wanfwell by Berkeley, geñ } betweene them.

Anthony Kingeſcote of Kingeſcote, geñ
Thomas Clarke of Newton bagpath, geñ } betweene them.

Mathew Smyth of Waniſwell, geñ
William Bower of Hurſt, yeoman. } betweene them.

William Bye of Kingſweſton,
Edward Haynes of the ſame } betweene them.
In toto. 18.

And

And nowe, in A°. 1639. 15. R℘ Caroli, at the clofinge vp of this Defcription, in this hundred of Berkeley, are vz,

Curassiers,
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423 For Conclusion: Though by likelihood I have omitted many perticularities of fundry kindes in this hundred, yet it fufficeth mee to thinke That I have pretermitted little that is mentioned in fuch Records or bookes of hiftory as are eafily come by, or obtayned: Howbeit, I doe willingly acknowledge to have paffed by divers incertainties, leaft I might feeme to have fcattered any feed of diffention or of envy, by difclofinge fecrets, in fervinge the curiofity of I knowe not whom that (befides your felves) may read heerin.

This knowe affuredly, That whatfoever I have written in the defcription of this Hundred, is proved either by Evidences in Berkeley Caftle, or by the Records heere mentioned in the kings Courts; Or by Deeds in the private poffeffion of the ffreeholders themfelves which I have feene, Or elfe remaine in my owne Cuftody. |

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425 After many daies failings I am nowe arrived at the haven which I longe defired to fee: I have nowe ended the tafke which many yeares fince I impofed vpon my felfe. Soe, fonne and fervant, with my double falutation, I bid yee All haile, and farewell: And as yee conceive or delight heerin, foe cenfure mee and theis my recreations; finifhed accordinge to the comon accompt of vs Hundredors in the yeares, vz,

Since our goeinge to Bollein with Sir Anthony Kingfton our high Steward, in 37. H. 8.	96.
Since the change of the Lawes in 1° Eliz:	82.

Since

Since Queene Eliz: was at Berkeley, in the 15th yeare of her raigne.	67.
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Since the firſt great floud of Severne in 7º Eliz:	75.
Since the laſt great floud (which I beheld), in 4to Jacobi, that overflowed the lower Countrey.	33.
Since the fall of the great Elme at Hams greene	64.
Since the Lord Berkeley kept his great x̃mas at Berkeley Caſtle in 2º Jacobi	36.
Since our goeinge to Tilbury Campe in 88.	51.

But more ferioufly, In the yeare of our Lord—1639. 21. Decembr̃. Anno 15to Regni Rꝑ Caroli. Et anno ætatis meæ—73. currente.

And farewell alſo to all my 20. other bookes, the recreations of my laſt 50. yeares, vz,

1. 2. 3. The hiſtory of the lives of 21. Lords of Berkeley, in three large volumes.

4. The booke of Terrars, or boundaries of each particuler pcell, of each tenant, holdinge for yeares or lives, by Copy or at Will, which the Lord Berkeley hath in this county of Glouc̃, in folio.

5. 6. The 2. bookes of Survey or of perticulers, parted into ſix columes, containinge each tenants name, what lives or yeares are in beinge; The quantity of acres ſoe held; Rent reſerved; value above that rent; with what heriot, Capons, hens, or rent corne, ſuch tenants yearly pay, in folio. In 12. et 22. Rꝑ Jacobi.

7. 8. Two bookes in folio, the one in parchment the other in paper, of all the Lord Berkeleis Tenures by knight ſervice, with the proofes that are either with or againſt ſuch knight ſervice Tenures. |

9. A booke in velome, of all Wardſhips and knight ſervice Releefes, which have happened to the lord Berkeleys in any county in the laſt 55. yeares of my ſervice vnder this family. in 4to 426

10. A wood booke of each tree, whether timber or firewood, growinge vpon each tenants leafe land, or copihold land of the lord Berkeleies, with their kindes, and values, in folio.

11. 12. Two bookes of Rent rolls in folio; what rent each ffreeholder or other termor, for yeares or lives, by Copy or at Will, yearly pay to the lord Berkeley.

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13. A fute roll in parchment, in folio, of all ffreeholders which owe fute to the three weekes Court, or Court of pleas, holden each Munday 3. weekes at Berkeley, And for what lands they owe fuch fervice.

14. 15. 16. Three bookes in folio, containinge the names of each inhabitant in this county of Glouc̃, how they ftood charged with Armor in a° 6to Jacobi, And who then was Lord or owner of each Manor or Lordfhip within the County; which you may call my Nomina villarum.

17. A booke in a large folio, how each man in this hundred, and in the whole divition of Berkeley, hath byn for divers yeares paft, and yet is, charged in the fubfedy Rolls in the kings Exchequer.

18. A booke in a large folio, of all paffages in the office of Lieutenancy from 1° to 11°. Rꝗ Jacobi, whileft Henry lord Berkeley was Lieutenant, who died in the faid 11th yeare.

19. A booke in folio of all offices or Inquificõns poft mortem, and of Ad quod damnum, in the county of Glouc̃ from 10. H. 3. till 28. H. 8. in which yeare I leaft of my further fearches therin; As I did in 1mo Jacobi, in the office of the Lord Treaforers Remembrancer in the Exchequer.

20. A booke in folio what each Townfhip paieth to the ffifteenth or Tenth to the kinge, when it is granted by parliament.

21. Alfo this booke in folio, of this defcription of the hundred of Berkeley and of the Inhabitants thereof; The laft of all: which, as the laft, I reioice to behold, the labour beinge ended.

26. And if you my fonne John, pleafe to accompt theis, the number will bee—26; vz, That of my life in 4to dedicated to your felfe. The hiftory of the Burrowe and Manor of Tetbury dedicated by mee to one of your brothers. The hiftory of the Manor and hundred of Bofham in the county of Suffex, dedicated to Mr George Berkeley, when it became to bee his vpon his purchafe from his father in anno 13° Caroli. 1637. The like hiftories of the honour and Manor of Melton Mowbray in the county of Leicr, And of Bitton in the county of Glouc̃, of all which I have beene Steward.

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